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Reincarnated Into a Vending Machine - WN Chapter 01-15

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Chapter 1

Do you have any idea how much I love vending machines?

I'm willing to pay for a new item in a vending machine even when I'm broke and can't pay my electricity bill.

Does that mean I only love the goods rather than the machine?

No, no, no, I love both of them. I particularly love the imposing design of the vending machine, how it contains a variety of unique products. To me, it's nothing short of a treasure chest.

I even love the disgusting, overly carbonated soft drinks. Truly a drink which doesn't suit it's temperature. If I don't buy it, someone else will. So, why not?

There are not only drinks but various snacks and breads that get warmed automatically inside the machine.

Of course, it's not only food, there's stationary, clothes, socks, even adult items. All found in a vending machine. If you're not charmed then don't blame me for calling you crazy.

Vending machines are truly amazing in this day and age, with their unique varieties. I even went on a hunt for a machine which I became interested in through the internet. Man, it was a great trip. All the pictures are in my secret folder.

I, who is in love with the glorious Vending Machine, was struck down by the very same thing. Man, such irony.

A truck transporting a vending machine got in an accident and before I knew it the machine came flying at me.

Now that I think about it, I could've survived if only I tried, but I was stunned by the majestic look of the new vending machine. I even felt obliged to help the Vending machine, so I tried to save it.

What would happen to a person trying to catch something that weighs over 400kg without goods inside, and 800kg when it is full?

Unsurprisingly…you get smashed into pieces.

This is how a Vending Machine Maniac died because of his instinct.

I thought my story was supposed to end there. But in reality, it had just begun. I, who was hugging cold steel while drifting into an eternal sleep, suddenly woke up.

I felt relieved that I wasn't actually dead but I was also worried about the vending machine that fell.

When I came to, I was standing close to an unknown lake. I couldn't move or speak, and it felt like my senses were cut off from the world.

I wanted to shout something out at random, but what came out of my mouth was

— "Welcome."

I never intended for that word to come out of my mouth. I quietly reaffirmed my sanity, and came to the conclusion it must have been someone else's voice.

I calmed myself and tried again

–"Thank you."

It was supposed to be my voice but it sounded too lucid and clear. It was really weird. I never meant to speak this clearly. However, when I tried talking, it just came naturally.

With full concentration, this time for sure!

–"Please come again."

–"Unlucky."

–"You won!"

This wording feels familiar. I've heard it many times in my life so I shouldn't be wrong. This is the sound of my favorite vending machine brand.

No way, it can't be something this absurd. I know I loved vending machines for which I will die for, it's impossible for me to be reborn as a vending machine right?

I can even see the world outside.

Sky with small strands of cloud floating, a huge lake right in front of me. This place seems to be in lakeside. I saw my reflection in the water below me.

A white and tall rectangular body, elegant machinery attached, a perfectly styled machine. Behind the lustrous glass, was a bottle of mineral water and a small can of corn soup next to each other, truly a work of art done by a master of beauty. A gentle double layer which seemed to be able to withstand the storms and disasters, a can costing only 100 yen, a bottle of water for 130 yen, such humble prices with so much … shit, this is a vending machine isn't it?!

wwwwwwwwwhhhhhh, there's no way right, it's gotta be a lie! Reincarnating into a vending machine after death, its the worst…not. Being able to reincarnate as my favorite thing, can be nothing other that a god given gift!

Wait but hmmm…just because you like cars doesn't necessarily mean that you want to be a car. Well, in kindergarten there was this one brat who cried while saying he wanted to be a police car.

Either way, nothing can be done about it now I guess. The sad part about being a maniac is that I'm almost glad about becoming a machine.

Crying won't help. It doesn't feel quite right but I gotta stop running from reality. I shouted again to try and get rid of my anxiety.

–"You Win."

Shut up, me.

Anything I try to say will come out as one of the pre-recorded lines of the machine. By trying many times, I've more or less figured out what I can say.

–"Welcome."

— "Thank you very much."

— "Please come again."

–"If you win, you get another one for free."

— "Unlucky."

–"You Win."

–“Please pay the balance by inserting coins.”

Only these ones, huh. Well, better than nothing. It’s definitely impossible to have a proper conversation with anyone though. Even if someone were to come by, they would get scared hearing a vending machine talk in such an unorthodox and repetitive way.

Even though I’m giving up on communication there has to be something else I can do. Hmm, something a vending machine can do… Of course! Selling goods! I don’t see any customers around though. Without customers, will it really be ok? I don’t think anyone is dumb enough to put a vending machine in an isolated place, so someone should come around sooner or later.

This place looks like it could be a tourist spot. Maybe there is a mansion or something on the lakeside. Even if there are no customers, maintenance guys should come around to check on the stock and condition of the machine.

I might as well start searching for a way to communicate, for the future. It would be nice if I could move my body, but I’ve tried a couple times and had no luck. I can play the pre-recorded sounds with just my will though. Well, it would be scary if arms and legs grew out of my body.

Isn’t there something I can do… I’ve been replaying the pre-recorded sounds over and over again. Meaning that I do have some control over the functions in my body.

Inserting money to buy a product is the main function of the vending machine. That’s it, huh. Maybe there is a way I can get the goods out without paying… I might as well try it since I have nothing better to do.

First, let’s figure out my own body’s functions. I can accept that I’m a vending machine and not a human. Parts, electrodes, and goods are my muscles, skeleton, and organs. My voice is pre-recorded audio. No arms or legs, unfortunately. I’m calm right now, is this a sign that I have accepted the reality of my situation? Think cool, act hotly. Just like the separation between hot and cold drinks. That was the kind of nonsense going through my head for the last couple hours.

I am a vending machine. Humans can move their body through their own free will. As a vending machine, I should be more than capable of understanding my

own functions. Believe! Become!

I am a vending machine!!!

『Vending Machine』

Mineral Water (Cold) 130¥ (100)

Corn Soup (Hot) 100¥ (100)

PT 1000

<Functions>『Refrigeration』『Heat Insulation』

Eh, my brain is stunned… I don't have a brain though. Well, this is the first thing that came to my mind. Hmmm, aren't these the goods inside my body? The line up is kinda lonely… Well, it's better than some weird drinks. Mineral water is the staple of the vending machine, after all. Mmm… corn soup in the winter is also amazing. I wonder what the brand of the the mineral water is… Somehow more useless thoughts keep appearing.

Hmm, when talking about mineral water brands, there are the popular ones and the minor ones. Well, I've drinken all of them before. The mineral water I have right now is a famous standard brand, but I wonder if I can change it.

((Spent 10 points to change the brand))

It worked somehow! I imagined moving a mouse over "PT" and dragging it out. Then,

I imagined left clicking, and various words appeared. What if I right click…?

((Points are something that can be converted from money. By spending points, utilizing new functions, restocking of goods, and changing goods, are all possible.))

Oh, the description pops up, huh. This is useful. I should explore this more.

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Chapter 2

I was able to understand these things after my hard work in researching this body. PT stands for points, obviously. By spending these I can restock and change the goods. It can also change the functions of the vending machine itself.

What I mean by ‘function’ is things like the ability to warm up or cool the goods, warm frozen goods, or boil water for Cup Ramen. There are many possible functions from what I saw, but I only briefly scanned the list.

I decided to research more about adding functions, but first, I researched the goods changer. There were seriously way too many goods. I looked through all of them, but they all required points to be bought.

As an experiment, I bought milk tea by spending 10 PT. I received Milk-Tea (Cold) (100). I swapped it with one of the corners that the mineral water was occupying. I could even control the price, so I decided to set it to 100 yen. [ED: A yen is worth slightly less than 1 cent]

It seems I can exchange 1 PT for 100 yen. Hoh, isn’t this a system that lets me restock myself with the money I earn. How to say it, it’s like way too high tech.

After investigating my body and reading the description I found that I’m functioning without electricity. Instead, I consume points to serve as power/energy. 1 PT is consumed per hour, in other words, 24 PT per day. That means I need to make an average of 2400 yen every day to survive.

I still have over 900 PT left, so I can function for the month. Even so, I should try not to waste points carelessly. I need to have a stable income before I can adventure. (adventure in spending points, that is) There is a reason for my thorough analysis. I’m freaking booored~. It’s been 2 days since my reincarnation into a vending machine but so far, no one has come. When I look carefully, it seems like no one will come to this lakeside with no road.

Maybe.. No one will ever come and I’ll die?

Nn,nn… — Haha, let’s research more about adding functions! There has to be a function that let’s me grow tires and move. No matter how you look at it, this

place is bad for business. I need to move to a place with more people.

Eeeeeto, function, function. [ED: MC scrolling through the list of functions while muttering function to himself] Microwave? If there is hot water then I can provide hot meals. What else is there… Ooh. a function that pours water into paper cups. And then… nn? There is something weird behind this screen. What is that?

“Gugeggo Gugeggo” (?)

Oh, it’s the voice of a living thing. I always wondered whether or not I was alone so I might as well concentrate on the sound. Just knowing there is a living being makes me feel kind of happy.

I’ve never heard a cry like that before but is sort of sounded like a frog. If I’m not mistaken, it came from the forest nearby. I don’t really have eyes so I focused on where the sound came from while pretending I was moving my eyes.

Something came out from behind a tree—— what? Eh, did frogs always have black skin or wear something that looks like leather armor? He’s holding a pitiful, shabby looking wooden bat. More importantly, he’s walking on two legs.

There’s no way it’s some new kind of frog. That head of his, it’s the same size as a humans! His arms and legs are covered in warts too. Even though he’s a frog he has dog like eyes with a really sharp gaze.

He definitely looks like a monster. A two-legged wart frog. His height is only at around 150 [ED: 4’11”] but he looks really fierce.

It’s all way too real. This really isn’t Japan, huh. Normally I would be really surprised but the moment I became a vending machine common sense was already out the door. But, if this is another world then what about the currency?? There’s no way it’s yen right. Doesn’t that mean if I can’t get Japanese yen? Something doesn’t seem right here.

“Gerugugeggo?” (Frog)

Ah, Humanoid Frog-san looked my way. Hey you, don’t get too close. Wait, he’s wearing leather armour so he must have some level of intelligence. Judging people just by how they look is the worst thing a human can do. Perhaps, is this my first customer?

–“Welcome.”

He might not understand what I’m saying, but just in case I greeted him.

“Guwagego!?” (Frog)

He got surprised and started surveying his surroundings. Too bad, the sound is from this here vending machine. He poised his weapon. Though it would be funny if I spoke again… I really shouldn’t do that. For a while, he just searched his surroundings again but he couldn’t find anything and came back. Now that I’m looking at him this closely, it’s amazing how real this is. I’m actually really bad with amphibians, and they become even more frightening with human size, He stayed 1 meter away from me and looked around in circles. He doesn’t understand what I am. After running in circles more he came back and he raised his arm… Oi, stop, what the fuck are doing with that stick?! I had no way of stopping the stick while he kept hitting me. I could only watch as it happened. The stick kept hitting the glass and I started shaking.

((Damage 3. Endurance decreased by 3)) What the hell is this message? It feels like a game saying things like damage and endurance. Ahh, fuck. Don’t hurt the vending machine, god damnit, it’s not what a living being should do. It may be a machine but it’s form is a work of art.

((Damage 2. Endurance decreased by 2)) Fuck you, you lowly frog, don’t get ahead of yourself. Just because I don’t fight back you -grrrr. It’s a good thing I don’t feel pain, but won’t I break at this rate!? Hold on, what’s this『Endurance』. It feels more like life points rather than how much you can endure.

((When『Endurance』is exhausted, the vending machine will break and cease to function)) Ohhh, so it’s like HP. I wonder how much is left. But I don’t even know how to check how much endurance is remaining…….

『Vending Machine』

Endurance 95/100

Defense 10

Strength 0

Agility 0

Dexterity 0

Mana 0

<Functions>『Refrigeration』『Heat Insulation』

Oooh, something came. It's my status. Everything other than『Defense』and『Endurance』is zero. Oh well, those are of no use for a vending machine anyways. There also seems to be mana in this world, which means magic exists… Fuck, wouldn't a vending machine that can use magic be super cool? Sadly, I have no mana.

Shit, now's not the time for this. Wha-what should I do. If this keeps up I'm going to be destroyed. Isn't there any way to recover my endurance?

((You can spend points to heal『Endurance』)) It works. Just like that, hm. I still have 900 points left so, if I just ignore him he might give up.

As if nature were against me, 3 more humanoid frogs appeared. It picked up that flag really fast. [TL:In japan what we call cliche is flag]

Shi-shit this is bad, really bad! One of the newcomers is carrying an axe. If that hits me I don't think I can survive.

((Damage 2,『Endurance』decreased by 2)) I know already, so shut up! Wha-what should I do. Isn't there any good function I can buy?! Pour hot water, roulette, cheer for the customer… Useless! It should be a grand function that can blow away my problems!

At that moment, I saw it. The perfect Function. Even though I don't have eyes.

『Transformation』PT 1000000000

Don't tell me, with this I can transform into a Robot or something? Truly every man's dream. Fuck, 1 billion points though… you really don't want me to get it don't you It can't be this, I need to look for something more realistic, something to let me escape this disaster. Faster, faster, something more effective… hmmm, this one seems good.

『Divine Gift』

Divine Gift? I should read the description.

((Divine Gift-A Special power, granted by God himself. You can select one without depleting points)) Ooh, I can choose one for free! I don't really understand, but it should be something comparable to awesome magic right?! Yo-Yoshhh. This is the way to survival!

『Body Transformation』『Visibility』『Movement』

『Telepathy』『Absorption』『 Extortion』

『Sword Skills』『Fire-Type Magic』『Water-Type Magic』

Oh, there are also Fighting and Sword type skills?! I don't have arms or legs, though. Someday I will get Transformation so just wait!

Oops, right, it's not the time for this. I don't have mana so I can't use magic. Hmm, I might be able to communicate with telepathy but I have a feeling those frogs don't have good listening skills. There must be a suitable Divine Gift for us vending machines!

While looking through the list, I saw a Gift that could save me. It's name is『Barrier』. The effect listed is ((Surrounds the user with a barrier extending 1 meter out. You may choose who can enter or exit)) -This, this is it!!!!!

((Damage 2, 3, 5『Endurance』decreased by 10)) There's no time left. Divine Barrier, I choose you!

The moment I chose『Barrier』I felt a warm feeling inside me. I'm not sure what happened, but for now,『Barrier』, Activate!

"Gugegogogego!?" (Frog)

Oh, humanoid frog-san got knocked away. Haha, he fell on his ass. I gotta say something or my frustration won't go away. You really had fun hitting me, didn't you?

— "Please come again."

Haha, oh man that felt good. It might not understand it though. Humanoid Frog-san seems to have understood my insult and started rushing toward the barrier but the bluish white light surrounding me blocked his attacks, preventing him from getting any closer.

–"If you win, you get another one for free."

I tried to provoke him more. Oh, oh, it seems he's going berserk and rushing towards me again. This barrier might be a formidable foe. Every time they attack it never penetrates the barrier and their weapons are easily knocked back.

Hahahahahaha, From now on I am the invincible and unbreakable vending machine!

((1 Point has been depleted 1 Point has been depleted 1 Point has been depleted…)) Wai-Wait! My points are being dried up like it's water in California!! [ED: It actually said being used like drinking water, but I thought this was funnier. Sorry.] What, does this barrier require points to sustain it? Eh, wait, it-it's about time for the Frog-sans to go home isn't it? Please go home.

— "Please come again."

…..Ah.

The attacking got fiercer. I didn't mean to provoke you again! Nooo, the points are being depleted way too quick. Really, please give up for both of our sakes.

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Chapter 3

For a while the Humanoid Frogs stayed and kept hitting me, but once they realized it was useless they left looking sad. Phew, somehow I was able to survive… Let's check my status for now.

『Vending Machine』

Endurance 65/100

Defence 10

Strength 0

Agility 0

Dexterity 0

Mana 0

PT 346

<Functions>『Refrigeration』『Heat Insulation』

<Divine Gifts>『Barrier』

My points depleted so much. It's true that『Barrier』saved me but the consumption rate is outrageous. I don't think I can survive another attack from a monster. I'm actually in a really bad position right now. My『Endurance』is getting lower, and my elegant machine body is in a mess. Points are really precious but if I just sit here without spending it I'm eventually going to become broken anyways. Therefore, I decided to use the points in order to fix myself.

I spent 35 points, so I have 311 left over. In one day I use 24 points so I might be able to last 10 or more days. If there is no buyer till then my destiny is self-destruction. If that ever happens I will die huh… If so, isn't my new life turning out to be worse that my old life?—- T_T

And, like that, 3 days passed. No humans came.

I spotted a humanoid frog roaming around the vending machine and observing it. His fear gradually overcame him and forced him to make a weeeen sound. The feeling of tension was lingering around the atmosphere of the vending machine.

Haa, I wish I could have sold something as a vending machine before my death. Even though I was lucky enough to be reborn as a vending machine, I never got to do a vending machine's work.

"I am too hungry, aaa I dont think i can keep going… Why am I always this unlucky…" (?)

Hu-Human's voice! God hasn't forsaken me!

It was the voice of a depressed female. It sounded like a young girl's voice. Where-where did the voice come from?!

I wonder if I can manage to communicate, but since I seem to be able to understand her language, there has to be a way for me to speak with her.

After all, my life at stake here.

"I was abandoned by my own teammates… Seriously, I'm useless because I always get scared even though I have the super strength divine gift…" (Girl)

Ohh, the sound is getting clearer and clearer, which must mean she is getting closer. She sounds really depressed and on the verge of death. She was abandoned by her comrades. Actually, isn't she the one who's life is at stake here since there are Humanoid Frogs everywhere?

"I dropped the pouch that had my food and drink… Uggh my stomach is rumbling like crazy… Aah, this is the worst day ever… Mom, Dad, I'm sorry but I don't think I can go on anymore." (Girl)

She started crying. She sounds like she's from the countryside, and her image of the world was just crushed. But why did she come to this dangerous place full of monsters? Is she in the middle of a trip, or could there be a town or village nearby?

"I was never meant to become a『Hunter』. I'm sorry, Mom, Dad" (?)

So she was a『Hunter』huh. If it's like those games then she must be out here hunting monsters, since the world is full of things like humanoid frogs. Also, if

she's a『Hunter』, then the second possibility is more likely. [ED: The possibility that there is a settlement nearby]

"I don't have anything to eat, what am I gonna do now… Maybe kill those『Frog-men』and with it's meat… That won't do, I won't be able to land any attacks, plus I'm too hungry, so I don't have any energy." (Girl)

She said something about having a『Divine Gift』of super strength, so maybe she is confident in her strength but she's bad at using weapons. Her dexterity seems really low.

Since she lost her belongings, she probably won't have money. Unn, unnnnn, I can't be sure but my expectations for her are beginning to get really low.

"Eh, what's that? Some kind of monument? But, it's strange for a monument to be made out of steel." (Girl)

Oh, she noticed me. From the sound of it she seems to be getting closer. She's behind me so I can't really tell where she's looking. Come on, come to the front.

While I was trying to send my desires to her telepathically, well, I don't know if the telepathy worked, but I saw a girl coming towards the front side.

"Wha, what is this. It has a really beautiful body. Mumu, isn't that a drink behind the glass?" (Girl)

Inclining her small head to the side, was a girl with a petite body. She has blond (?) [ED: TL wrote brond so it might be brown…] Hair, while her hairstyle has it tilted toward the side. This hairstyle, if I remember correctly, is called the side ponytail.

She looks to be around 160cm, [ED: 5'3"] maybe a little smaller. She has very big, round eyes as well as a European styled petite nose, she looks like the cute type rather than the beautiful type. She has this atmosphere of adorableness, if she ever became an idol, she would get really famous.

The way she looked depressed with her eyes watering like that… damn, she is cute. Wait, am I a pervert or something? N-no, erm, ah!, her strange clothes just really caught my attention. Hahaha…..

Here boots look like they're made for mountain climbing, and she's also

wearing blue shorts on top of black tights. It seems sensible so far but for her upper body, she's wearing something that looks like the bullet proof vests the police use during dangerous missions. No, wait, it's leather armour, right. There is also something like a shoulder pad, and some really strange looking gloves. How do I say it, it's truly a fantasy style. I observed her from head to toe and saw a pouch hanging on her belt. Doesn't this mean she does have money or precious gems?

"There's water, but how do I get it? There's a bunch of writing but I can't read it." (Girl)

I can understand her language, but she can't read the writing. There's already a problem even before buying anything. I need to guide her somehow.

"Maybe I can get it if I shatter the glass, but, that would be a waste of such a good looking item, so that won't do." (Girl)

–"Welcome."

"Wha, what, where did that voice come from" (Girl)

She is looking around. She kind of looks cute when she is scared but she's also really cautious right now. It won't do if she ran away here. I have to lure her in! [ED: Pervert…]

–"Please pay the balance by inserting coins."

"Heee, this piece of iron spoke? "Coin", does it mean money?" (Girl)

I want to answer her question but sadly I can't speak. I'm sorry but please try hard to find out yourself. My life is at stake here so please.

"E, eeto, is bronze okay for "coin", ah, but it should be blue bronze….. Maybe silver is needed, no, wait, is it gold…… I don't have that much money" (Girl)

So this world's currency is bronze, blue bronze, silver, and gold. There might also be higher currencies. I don't know the value of theses currencies though, but my guess is that bronze has a low value like 10 yen.

"So to insert a coin, I guess I just put it in this thin hole with the transparent lid?" (Girl)

Is she that careless, or is she just pure? Even in a situation where her life is

hanging in the balance, she just puts in money. Her personality doesn't fit her rough lifestyle. But I'm thankful as she is still my first customer.

Yes yes, insert it in that hole, alright… alright…. and go! The sound of the foreign substance rings through my body. Karan. So she put in a bronze coin… I hope the points increase……

((The coin is different. If you gain the『Coin Changer』function, you can convert it to points.))

Seriously? I remember seeing something like that before. Wai-wait for me. Eeto, around here…

Found it! It costs 100 points, I can do this!

"What, so a bronze coin won't do huh. Eh? Some number is showing… 10? Etto, one bronze and it increases by 10, if the number 1000 below it means anything then…. Uh, so each item is worth 1 silver coin each. If I have that much then I can pay for my dinner……"

What? When I used the『Coin Changer』the price changed. So, for 1 Bronze Coin it has a worth of 10 yen. If silver is 1000 yen then she can buy corn soup and milk-tea. Wait, can't the price stay at 100, h-how do I change it??

"Bu. but money can't be exchanged for life plus I'm really hungry. If I die here money will be meaningless anyways. There's no helping it, yo, yoooooshi, I'm doing it!"

This girl, when she gets excited or restless she starts talking with a dialect. The silver coin is inserted into my body, and it gets excited and heated up. Ooooh, she paid it! Hurry up, choose the item you want!

"The shining pointy thingy means I can buy something now right…th, then, eeto, maybe I should choose the one with the soup drawing."

Since the language can't be read, the icon can be understood much easier. I need to keep note of this. Her shaky finger pressed the button, and I dropped the corn soup in the lower part of my body where the items normally come out.

"Wha, what was that!? I think heard something from below!" (Girl)

With caution she looked towards the place where items are dispensed. Yes,

yes, good call. Come on, be brave and take it.

“Should I put my hand in? If I do, will it eat me?” (Girl)

I won’t, I won’t~. Quick, hurry up and take it. This corn soup is from my favorite brand.

[Tl-note from here to some part is a written explanation of how he likes the corn soup of this brand and it gets boring so i cut the part out]

“Ah, I got it. Waa, it’s so warm! Etto, I guess I should open the cap like it’s a glass bottle cap. Ei! Uwaaa, smells so nice” (Girl)

I know right~. She opened the lid, and tilted the can as she drank it.

“Fuaaaaaaaa, Deliciouuuuus! Wha, what is this. The restaurant I frequent can’t even be compared to this!” (Girl)

Ooh, she drank it all at once. She licked the corn soup that was lingering on her lips, and looked really satisfied. Kuuuuuu, what is this, it feels so awesome. Somehow I feel really happy and fulfilled as a vending machine when I see how happy she looks.

“Haaa, it’s already finished. That was really tasty, so the others must be just as good. The transparent one must be water, so, that light brown drink, I must have!” (Girl)

Ah, she inserted another silver coin. She seems to have taken a liking to the milk-tea. Later, she also bought 3 corn soups, and a bottle of water.

I made a total of 6300 yen, which, in this world’s currency, would be 6 silver, and 30 bronze. If I convert it, then it’s 64 points. I think I’ll continue using these prices.

Perhaps because of how satisfied she felt, she fell into a deep sleep. Her back is leaning on me. She’s really defenseless, but I will protect her with a barrier if need be since she is my important customer.

Also, the empty cans and plastic bottles have vanished. This vending machine is really eco-friendly, huh.

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Chapter 4

“Fuaah, I really slept well~. Good thing no monsters appeared.” (Girl)

The loli had just woken up and was patting her breasts with a sigh. Even though she’s kind of short she still has these big breasts. The leather armor restrains them somewhat but if you view them from below you can see that their shape is quite nice, with a deep valley in between.

“I lost quite a bit of money. Still, I was able to feed myself well, so, thank you very much.” (Girl)

The loli bowed towards the vending machine. What a nice girl. Really, I am the one who should be thankful to you. Thanks to her patronage I was able to extend my life, after all.

–“Thank you.”

Man, it’s a good that this pre-recorded voice comes with the vending machine. I was able to properly thank her.

“Eh, ah, yes. No problem. But, eeto, you can talk?” (Girl)

I want to respond, but I can’t think of any suitable audio. Isn’t there some way for me to get my feelings across?

“Eeto, could it be that you can only say specific things? One of my friends researches magic items, her name’s Ermin. Aah, I forgot to introduce myself. I’m called Ramis.” (Ramis)

Fumufumu. I must commit it to memory. My very first customer was Ramis. Yohsi, I won’t forget it.

“One of Ermin’s inventions is a machine that captures and releases voices. She thinks it might be useful in automatic advertisements. Perhaps, you are also like that? If i’m right, please say something, as that would make me really happy.” (Ramis)

Oh! A chance for me to communicate has come! Surprisingly, she has really good instincts. That was a pleasant miscalculation on my part.

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“Uwah, you can understand! If Ermin saw this she would be really surprised. Ah, then if you like, you can substitute ‘Yes’ with ‘Welcome’. And, also, you can say something else for ‘no’ too.”(Ramis)

Amazing. It’s an amazing idea. If I can say “yes” or “no”, then I’m already at a level where I can communicate with her. Of course I’ll take her up on her offer!

–”Too bad.” [No]

“Puu, so you want to use that as ‘no’?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“Well, then, right. Unn, I understand… Eeto, can you tell me your name?” (Ramis)

I can’t answer even though I want to. I’ll pray for a future where I can talk naturally.

–“Too bad.” [No]

“So you can’t even tell me your name, huh. Somehow, that’s really sad… Ah, yes, yes, why are you here? Do you have an important mission or something?” (Ramis)

–“Too bad.” [No]

“Unnn, how should I say this. Uhm, could it be that maybe, possibly… you are lonely?” (Ramis)

Eh, how did she know? Maybe she has some kind of divine gift that lets her understand the emotions of living thin-no, living machines like me.

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“I knew it. You seemed really lonely when I looked at you from afar.” (Ramis)

What? Do I really look that pitiful? It is true that a single vending machine just sitting on the lakeshore will look lonely though.

“Is it okay if I move you?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“Ah, just like that! Maybe if you want, we can get out of here and meet Ermin? She might be able to find a better way to talk with you.” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

I would reaaally like to get out of here, but just how does she plan on moving me? I’m pretty sure she’s not just gonna carry me on her back. A tiny loli like her definitely won’t be able to carry a vending machine by herself.

“So, I can move you? Great, I was worried that I was being a bit too nosy but I’m glad that’s not the case.” (Ramis)

Oi, what are you trying to do by leaning on me like that. Ramis, could it be that, you’re trying to embrace me? No way… don’t tell me you’ve become a vending machine maniac too…

“Yoishotto!” (Ramis)

Fuaa? Eh, why am I levitating? Oi, oi, what the hell is this? A tiny loli is carrying an object weighing more than 500 kg?

“It’s a bit heavy but I can manage. Nnsho, nnsho” (Ramis)

Oooooh, I’m moving! She’s a bit slow but really, Ramis, you’re incredible. So this is the super strength divine gift. Her fingers are penetrating me a little but I won’t complain since I’m the one being carried.

Ooh, the lake is gradually getting smaller and smaller. I won’t lie, I have some lingering attachments to this place. After all, i’ve been looking at that scenery since the moment I arrived in this world. Feeling grateful, I decided to bow down to the lake in my heart.

–“Thank you.”

She walked for two hours while carrying me, before finally putting me down near a huge boulder.

“Let’s rest here for now. Ah, I should buy that creamy flavoured yellow soup. I’m getting hungry.” (Ramis)

“From the moment I met you luck’s been on my side. I didn’t meet any『Frog-men』even though this is their territory.” (Ramis)

That’s not entirely true. There might have been no battles but I definitely saw Humanoid Frogs observing us from afar with fear in their eyes. Maybe rumours about me have spread amongst them.

Unnn, she sure is hungry. No good, corn soup won’t fill her up. I need something heavy, something that will really make her full.

Currently, I have 268 points. I’m scrolling through the list of 10 point items. I’m kinda low on points, but, Ramis really helped me so it can’t be helped.

Hmm, a food with high calories and a good, strong texture. Oshiruko [ED: red bean soup] might be good since girls tend to like sweet things. Ah, but foreigners usually dislike red beans. Apparently they think it looks like mud or something.

In that case, a hamburger or cup ramen would be good, but they both require special functions. I don’t have enough points to mess around yet, so that’s out.

Something canned… Ah, right, there was something like that. It’s really famous. Haaa, but it costs 30 points. Ah, I wanted to buy oden in a can, [ED: Boiled eggs, radish, yam cakes, and fish cakes in a soy flavor dashi broth. It’s a mostly fishy soup.] but I guess the good ones that will make more money also cost more points in return. I should remember that.

I really need to keep my point expenditures to minimum here; I can’t choose something so expensive.

Therefore, I should choose something with a price of 1000 yen, or 1 silver. Ah, I remember there were snacks too. Eeto, found it, found it, it’s not quite potato chips but it’s still a product made out of hardened and baked mashed potatoes. I quickly exchanged it with another one of the mineral waters.

“Heu! Th, that surprised me. Something was glowing… Ah, one of the food items changed? What’s this red package? It has a picture of a round thingy, is it food?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“Ah, so that’s it…. Maybe I should buy it since it’s the same price.” (Ramis)

Her hunger won over her curiosity, and she tore open the bag with her mouth.

“Fuaaa, what’s with this texture. It’s so salty, but I can’t stop.” (Ramis)

She bought mineral water and drank it with her snack. It seems she's addicted. Well, I can't blame her, it is a devilishly delicious snack.

"Aah, my money is being drained, but I can't stoooop." (Ramis)

–"Thank you."

I told her I was grateful. Her wallet's sacrifice will not be forgotten.

I made 6 silver, or 6000 yen. That's 60 in points, so now I'm at 320.

Right, now that I know how to change the price I should set the mineral water to 1000 yen. With this, all my items cost 1000.

If Ramis goes broke, I'll lower the price. Until then, I'll keep making her spend more and more since my life is on the line.

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Chapter 5

“We are nearing the entrance of this floor. Please wait patiently for a bit more. That settlement is a large village, so you can get some rest once we reach it” (Ramis)

Floor? What does she mean by floor? Unless the sky is beneath some kind of roof, this is definitely outdoors.

I don’t really get it but I’m happy since there seems to be people here. I want them to buy all my items and get a ton of profit~.

We haven’t gotten attacked since we left our resting place, so I didn’t need to activate <Barrier> at all. The『Frog-men』are still just quietly observing and don’t attack. Their information network seems to be good.

Ramis does have her super strength, but her stamina is also something else. She’s been walking for 5 hours while carrying me. She really does have what it takes to be a hunter.

“Ah, I can see the settlement! Yes! I made it back alive!” (Ramis)

She lost hope when she was abandoned by her comrades, but was able to return thanks to me. It’s no wonder there are tears are welling up in her eyes.

I was carried all the way here like it was no big deal, but if it was anyone other than Ramis I probably would have died and gotten scavenged. She said she was lucky but I think I’m even luckier.

The wall looks like it was built manually out of wood, and it could be seen stretching towards the road. It had a height of 2 meters. [ED: 6.56 ft] This is turning out to be quite the settlement.

Standing In what looks to be the front gate, there were two muscular, bald men wearing dirty leather armor. I’m sure they can become fantastic pro wrestlers one day.

“Oh? If it isn’t Ramis. Thank god you’re alright, your friends came back looking half dead, so I was really worried!” (Pro Wrestler)

The man spoke with a wide smile that indicated he was happy for Ramis's safe return. He had a scar that seemed to have been caused by a sword. Even though he looks really scary, I guess he has a kind and good personality.

"Yes, I was somehow able to survive! Karios-san, sorry for making you worried." (Ramis)

After setting me on the ground, Ramis bowed toward them. She really has an adorable personality. The guard with the X scar on his forehead was staring at Ramis and the other guards were just talking to each other with narrowed eyes. They could almost be described as smiling, too.

"I'm glad you're alright, but… what is that thing?" (Karios)

"Ah, this? I found it by the lakeshore. I think it's some kind of magic item. When you insert money in it it dispenses items, isn't this boy amazing?" (Ramis)

This boy. Ramis should be younger than me, but if I'm only counting the days in this world then I guess I'm closer to a newborn child.

"Hooo, this must be the experiment of some magic item researcher, or a treasure. But, I've never heard of something like this appearing in the 『Lakeshore』floor of 『Clear Stream』. And we've been gate guards for, what, 5 years Golsu?

"Aa" (Golsu)

So the skinhead with the sword scar is Karios, and the quiet one with the X scar is Golsu. Karios is probably the speaker for the two of them, since the other guy is way too quiet.

"If it's an invention, am I not allowed to take it? (Ramis)

"Ma, I was just guessing. Plus, anything picked up in a dungeon belongs to the person who picked it up. It's common sense in a dungeon." (Karios)

Dungeon? Eh, you guys are saying stuff like Floor, so this place is a dungeon's first floor….. Eh, there's a sky too, you know? No matter how you look at it it doesn't look like it's underground. Seriously, what's going on with this world.

"You said something about being able to buy items if we insert money, so can we buy anything right now?" (Karios)

“Yes, I think it’s alright. It’s alright, right?” (Ramis)

Ramis looked to my side and asked. The answer is already decided.

–“Welcome” [Yes]

“Ouh ah!? What was that? I just heard a man’s voice.” (Karios)

“Ahahaha. It’s alright Karios-san. It was this boy who replied, ya.” (Ramis)

–“Welcome” [Yes]

“F, for real? I never of heard of some talking magic item. Wouldn’t something like this be able to be sold at a high price….” (Karios)

“I, I won’t sell! This boy and I will go meet Ermin together!” (Ramis)

She spread her arms as if she was trying to shield me.

Uuuuuu, such a good girl. Even though it was for the sake of my precious points, I’m sorry for scamming you with high prices.

“Oh, that psycho Magic Item crafter Ermin? There was this time where she stayed in this settlement before. She’s got a crazy amount of knowledge so that’s a good idea.” (Karios)

What’s with his description, it’s making me worried. A crafter that was described as a psychopath even before her name can’t be any good. Somehow, I don’t want to meet her.

“I know right~. So, what did you guys want to buy?” (Ramis)

“Ou, since you’re the one persuading us it must be safe, but…1000 meaning one silver, it’s not cheap. Oh? This, how does this item work?” (Karios)

“Eeto, that one is a tasty water. And this one is a tea with milk inside. Theses two are really cold. And the one below this is a warm yellow soup. The last one is this red thingy, it tastes like a fried Zugiuma.” (Ramis)

[Tl: Zugiuma is not a Japanese, a made up word for the novel]

“So there are warm and cold items. Then, i’ll take the soup and the fried thing. What do you want Golsu?” (Karios)

“I will take the sweet milk.” (Golsu)

–“Please pay the balance by inserting coins.”

They were a bit surprised, but with the help of Ramis they both managed to insert their silver.

When they finished the transaction and received their items, I thanked them with

–“Please come again in the future.”

“Ahh, the soup is really warm.” (Karios)

“This one is quite cold.” (Golsu)

They both drank it in one go.

“What’s this! Oi oi, this taste is way too good.” (Karios)

“This one also is delicious.” (Golsu)

“How ‘bout this fried thingy….. Ooh, this is amazing, it’s kind of heavy but I can’t stop.” (Karios)

[ED: Heavy is probably describing some quality of the food, not the weight.]

“Give me some.” (Golsu)

Ramis looked really happy looking their exchange. She looks so happy she’s about to cry. If I had a face right now I’d probably be the same.

Karios was being stingy and didn’t give much of the potato snack to Golsu, so he ordered one for himself. After, when Karios saw Golsu drinking milk tea, he got curious so he also got one for himself. Both of them took a liking to the products so they ended up buying all the different items in the machine. Karios’s favorite was corn soup, while Golu’s was milk tea.

I made a profit of 9000 yen, 9 silver. This time, I’m grateful to my rich customers since my points have increased by 90.

“Iyaa, this is amazing. The quality was extremely high, and it even had different temperatures. Hey, can’t you leave it here? When we’re on watch, we can’t go that far. If you left this here it would really help us out.” (Karios)

“…True.” (Golsu)

Aa, I see. If I were to be placed here there would be proper customers so my income wouldn't be that bad.

"Unn, should I do that? Buut, I don't want to be separated from this boy…." (Ramis)

"If that's the case, then you can just bring it around occasionally. If you did, I would definitely buy something. I'll also tell others about it." (Karios)

"Why not buy rope? It will be easier to carry." (Golsu)

Oo, that's a nice idea. Being carried by a beautiful girl ain't bad but it would make it easier on Ramis.

"Ah, that's not a bad idea. Would you like that too?" (Ramis)

–"Welcome" [Yes]

"Guess it's ok then. Then, I will be coming here together with him sometime later." (Ramis)

"Oh, do your best. With this, maybe being in the watch will be a little more fun." (Karios)

"It would help us" (Golsu)

With this, I'm glad because it looks like I've gotten a stable income. Since points are everything for me. I want to quickly add new items and functions. Collecting points is the first and foremost important mission.

"Let's go to my inn. You gotta move on with the thing before…" (Ramis)

[ED: I have no idea what this means.]

Ou, I'm sorry. I bankrupted you. If I manage to make room for extra spending, I want to give her some income. I might as well check later when I'm bored.

Each camp is a shop or lodging area. People around the gate are looking at me with curious gazes.

"That's the inn I was staying at." (Ramis)

There stood a 2 story building made out of wood.

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Chapter 6

“Landlady. I’’m home!” (Ramis)

Ramis rushed into the room bursting with energy. There was a well-built woman holding a broom, but her jaw dropped once she spotted us.

“You-you were alright! I was really worried you know? Haa, you’re not undead right? You’re really breathing right?” (Landlady)

“I’m fine, I’m fine. Some stuff happened and I was somehow able to make it back.” (Ramis)

Ramis explained this to the landlady, who was touching every inch her body to make sure she was okay. I’m not sure if the people in this town are just kind or if Ramis is naturally loveable, but it’s clear she’s not being treated poorly by the people here.

“The teammates you were working with came back looking all injured, they were saying stupid things like how you had died. But, I never believed them and scolded them for saying such things!” (Landlady)

“I must’ve worried Munina also. I should apologize to her later—-” (Ramis)

“Aaaaaaaaaaah! Ramiiiii!” (?)

Ramis turned her attention towards the young girl that was coming down the stairs. She was carrying a basket full of clothes for washing. Her red hair was in braids and she had a triangular napkin on her waist. Her clothes are most likely an inn costume since she is wearing similar clothes to the landlady’s, a dull gray apron skirt.

She’s not the beautiful type, rather, she’s more like a dull maid with sharp eyes. She ran straight into Ramis and with great force tackl-… hugs her.

“Eh, you’re alive! You’re not undead right?!” (?)

“Mu-Munina, I’m alive, I’m definitely alive!” (Ramis)

So she is Munina, the landlady’s daughter. They’re definitely family, they both said the same thing. She’s shaking Ramis up and down so hard her head is about

to fall off. You should probably stop…

“Geeez, do you know how much you made us worry? Those guys Rami went with had the nerve to come back after abandoning you, so I spread rumours about them to make sure they’ll never be able to get a job again. Fufufufu” (Munina)

Ahh, her smile’s really scary. So she’s the type of person that gets like ‘that’ if you anger her.

“So that’s why they ran away from here…” (Landlady)

The landlady is sighed.

“What’s that heavy thing by the entrance?” (Landlady)

“Aa, I found this boy in the『Lakeshore』” (Ramis)

“Rami, did you pick up something weird again? Last time you brought a Frogman’s baby, it cause quite an uproar, remember?” (Munina)

“N, nn. Bu-but this time is different, okay? This boy helped me out. He’s really useful, you know?” (Ramis)

The looked at her with great suspicion. Even though she’s a little scared she still talked about our meeting and my abilities.

“I think I understand but… Rami, how will you pay for the『Teleportation Circle』[ED: Originally Magic Teleportation Circle, but it didn’t flow well so I changed it.] to transport you the Surface to meet Ermin? Do you even have enough money for an inn? You also seem to have lost your bags.” (Munina)

“Ah, Yes. I don’t have anything…. I can’t do anything about it” (Ramis)

Reminded of her painful situation, Ramis lost all her strength and buried her face in her thigh, emitting an extremely depressing aura.

…Most of her savings are in my body. The words that stood out to me during their conversation were『Teleportation Circle』, surface, and dungeon.

So, this place is a dungeon and to return to the surface you need to pay money and use a『Teleportation Circle』. And Ramis is broke.

Sorry.

But, inside a dungeon, huh. It doesn't feel real, but, i'm a vending machine, so it's already useless worrying about things like reality or common sense. I just need to accept things the way they are.

I want to enter their conversation but all I can say is "Welcome.", "Thank you very much.", *etc.* [ED: He actually listed all of them but it seemed really lengthy for a stray thought. Maybe it flows better in Japanese or something.] While I was thinking things like this, the conversation began to come to an end.

"Hu, I guess there's no choice. Rami, you work here in the inn for a while. Put that box thingy outside, it'll attract customers while selling its items, so it's a win-win." (Landlady)

Oh, just how I want it.

–"Welcome." [Yes]

"Uwah, he really talks. Then, please work hard attracting customer." (Landlady)

"Ah, but, the entrance guards said they wanted me to bring him around sometimes." (Ramis)

"That's fine." (Landlady)

"Ha~i" (Ramis)

[ED: That means yes, in case you didn't know.]

That is how I came to live in the settlement.

There are around 100 people here but the number varies a lot. The only permanent residents are the people selling items to『Hunters』. The『Hunters』 job is to subjugate monsters, gather materials, or act as escorts. There is also a『Hunter's Guild Branch』here, and they provide requests for the『Hunters』.

The place I'm currently in is the dungeon floor known as the『Clear Stream Lakeshore』. Even though this is the inside of a dungeon there's a sky… I have to admit, this place is really amazing.

On this Floor, it takes 3 weeks to travel from one bridge to another. The living things around here are mostly just the Frogmen and some fish. There were some others that were mentioned but I don't really know the details. I got the

information from Ramis, who talks to me daily, and by eavesdropping on the customers in the inn. And also by…

"…and so I said, 'My job is to protect this place from the criminals.'" (Karios)

This entrance guard seriously has too much free time on his hands.

–"Welcome." [Yes]

"Lately, the Frogmen have been really active so there's a lot of injuries. They might form a huge subjugation team soon." (Karios)

–"Welcome." [Yes]

I only need to say something to show I'm listening so it's really easy work. But, a subjugation team huh… That must be why I've been seeing a lot of new 『Hunters』 this week.

"I'm a little thirsty, but I'm getting tired of all the drinks here." (Karios)

Of course you would get tired if you bought it 5 times a day! I guess it is time to add a new item though. I've amassed quite the number of points. Thanks to my unique and excellent taste, people have buying a ton of my food.

『Vending Machine』

『Mineral Water』(Cold) 1000¥ / 1 silver (130)

『Milk-Tea』(Cold) 1000¥ / 1 silver (24)

『Corn Soup』(Hot) 1000¥ / 1 silver (19)

『Potato Snack』(Warm) 1000¥ / 1 silver (36)

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<Functions>『Refrigeration』『Heat insulation』

<Divine Gifts>『Barrier』

[ED: Behold! The fruits of my labor! Status window 2.0 !!! If i have time I'll add it to the earlier chapters.] [ED: I did so it's probably not new or impressive to you anymore…]

I've earned 3000 points even if you count the daily restocking costs. I've been hesitant to spend them since I might need them for an emergency, and I also want to try getting new functions too. Most of the functions I want cost 1000 so it's really pricy, but if I just add one then there shouldn't be a problem.

Ah, is it okay to add different types of items to the store? For example, if I add the hot water function for cup ramen then my body will transform. I'm worried it might affect the other items… but then again I'm a vending machine that can use 『Barrier』, add new functions, and I have a will of my own, so I guess I don't need to worry about something like that?

U, unn, I've been thinking about what the customers want. The entrance guards Karios and Golsu are my number one regulars. What were they asking for again? They said something about a food that was heavy and filling. If that's that case, Oden would do, but I'm not sure they would know how to open the lid. And I can't really explain it to them either.

Maybe I should just… No, wait, this is perfect! I just remembered something. First, I specified the brand then paid 30 points for the Oden Can (100). [ED: Parentheses indicates stock.]

"Hoh, I suspected there would be a new item when you started shining, but… 3000. That's 3 silver isn't it?! But I can't just miss out on the opportunity to try a new item!" (Karios)

I know exactly how you feel! The supernatural charm of a new item is scary right~? Plus, when the picture of the hot delicious meal is shown, how can you not get hungry?! Actually, now that I think about it, they can read the numbers but not the words? Well, if I'm asking that then I would need to ask why I can understand what they're saying in the first place, so let's just say it's magic and not think too hard.

You can earn money in dungeons but there's high risk. However, that means there's high reward as well. In other words the economy down here is booming, which is one of the reasons merchants like to do business here. In addition, they have the opportunity to buy rare stock obtained from the dungeons.

Therefore, there is plenty of money to go around in the settlement filled with danger, which is why those entrance guards can afford to buy my super

expensive items. If I tried to sell at these prices on the surface, my business wouldn't be doing as well.

"Hou, it's hot. Hey, how the heck do you open this?" (Karios)

I knew it, here comes the hard part. But look properly at the can, okay? Karios and Golsu both have a strong attention to detail, so I trust they'll be able to do it. Karios was moving the cup up and down while looking at it. Golsu also seemed interested so he glanced towards Karios several times. A little while later, they both managed to notice it.

"Un? There's a drawing here. Oh, so this is how you open it!" (Karios)

Indeed, this machine has instructions for those who don't know how to eat oden. This was sold at an electronics store [ED: Original was "electric store" but I couldn't find what that meant so I just assumed it meant electronics store.] where it became popular with foreigners. Even if you don't understand the language you can understand it by looking at this well-designed drawing.

"Eeto, just flick this, pull that, and then… Oh, it smells so nice. Then, finally, push this part and-it opened, it opened~!" (Karios)

Nice job. From here on I can provide those two with these kinds of cans. Now, the types of items I can sell has increased. Those two will spread news of this item so I need to be ready for it.

Karios took out the Oden which is on a stick. There's an egg, a chikuwa, and Konjak, the golden trio stick!

[ED: Originally it said there was a golden trio stick in addition to the other things, but again, I found no mention of it so I just assumed the 3 items were collectively referred to as the golden trio stick.]

[TL: chikuwa is a Japanese tube-like food product made from ingredients such as fish surimi, salt, sugar, starch, monosodium glutamate and egg white.]

[ED again: Konjac is a jello-like thing made with a yam substitute instead of gelatin.]

"Hoaauau, crazy, this is dangerous. This might be my favorite one yet. The boiled egg is sort of unique but it also has a really strong taste, the moment I bite

into it the flavour spreads through my mouth. Shit, this is bad~. I really wish I had alcohol to go with this.” (Karios)

After eating the egg he goes for the chikuwa.

“Kuuu-this one is also really food. I can’t stop. It’s my first time eating something of this texture. There’s a slight fish taste mixed in too. How did they make this? The next one… Oooooh, it has a guni-guni texture, not bad. Hahahah, this it too funny.” (Karios)

[ED: guni-guni is probably an onomatopoeia. I think he was referring to the konjac so maybe it means gummy texture? When I looked it up all I found was this LOL]

He seemed to have taken a liking to the Oden. He drank the remaining soup and looked really satisfied. He began to take out another 3 silver but before he could Golsu inserted his own money and bought the Oden.

“Y-you! I was about to buy that!” (Karios)

“I’m next” (Golsu)

This guy also loved it. It seems I can expect the Oden to go out of stock. And so, this is how Oden came to be famous in the『Clear Steam Lakeshore』dungeon. The cold weather also contributed my sales.

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Chapter 7

Chapter 7: The everyday life of a Vending Machine

My daily schedule is like this:

In the morning, I start my day in front of the inn. I don't really need to sleep but I learned how to enter "sleep mode", which decreases the constant depletion of points. I don't feel tired if I neglect sleeping, but if I do sleep then when I wake up it feels refreshing.

"Morning, Hakkon." (Ramis)

Even though it's morning, her voice is loud and energetic. Right now, her inn employee clothes look good. Also, my name seems to be Hakkon now. The one who named me is, of course, Ramis. That Munina from the inn called me a box (hako in Japanese) and Ramis thought it sounded cute so she started calling me Hakkon.

I didn't think her naming sense was good, but when I saw her excited face I couldn't help but saying

–"Welcome." [Yes]

"Let's work hard today too!" (Ramis)

–"Welcome." [Yes]

While cleaning my body with a rag, she talks to me as usual. I think her working in a peaceful place like an inn suits her more but I guess she has her own reasons for working as a

『Hunter』. To convey my feelings of wanting together, I drop her one of the sports drinks.

"Is it okay for me to have it again?" (Ramis)

–"Welcome." [Yes]

"Thank you!" (Ramis)

When I see her drinking and looking happy like that it really warms my cold,

machine heart. These days I've been learning more about the vending machine's systems, and now I can give out free drinks.

My body which was washed earlier this morning is now shining in the morning light. I should work hard on my sales today too. Soon after the loli went back into the inn, more of my regulars appeared.

–"Welcome."

"Hai, mornin'. I can't start my day without drinking this soup." (Regular A)

"Granny, me too! I love the sweet tea so much that without it I don't feel any motivation to work." (Regular B)

"No, no, for the morning it's gotta be water. A drink right after you wake is best." (Regular C)

An old-ass couple and some skinny looking boy are all talking to each other. The old couple both work as retired『Hunters』and teach new『Hunters』the ropes. There're rumours that that couple used to be amazing『Hunters』. About that twig boy, he always comes to the inn for lunch. I heard from Ramis that he has a crush on Munina.

–"Thank you. Please come again."

I thank them always, then watched as they walked off. Immediately after, 4 strong looking men showed up.

"Fuu, I'm finally done with the night watch. What should I pick today?" (?)

–"Welcome."

My number one customer Karios and his group showed up. These people work as gatekeepers for the settlements and are in charge of maintaining the safety of the people. They usually come around this time. Like usual, they bought drinks and potato snacks. After their group, I always have a bit of free time. By the way, I don't sell the oden cans while I'm in front of the inn. I don't want to disturb their sales, after all.

From this point on the number of customers continue to decrease. The price is kinda high so the number of people who can buy every day is low, and most customers only buy things 2-3 times a week.

It was a bit before lunch, when a bunch of people wearing heavy armour showed up from the direction of the『Hunter's Guild』.

"Today, we can return without needing to stay overnight, but don't forget to purchase a drink. If you have extra money it's also good to get a can with lots of ingredients and that snack with the red wrapper." (Hunter A)

"Eeto, how do I buy things from here?" (Hunter B)

"You don't know? Here, let me teach you." (Hunter A)

A person who appeared to be their leader with his black armor and long beard explained how to buy things while looking proud. If I remember correctly he came here 4 days ago. He chose a time when no one was around and bought a huge amount of items. Maybe he was practicing how to use the machine then? His fierce looking face was starting to look kinda cute so it felt off.

The trash from the vending machine disappears after the product is used, so it's popular among『Hunters』that go out hunting or searching. For female『Hunters』, the tea seems to be popular. Recently, I stocked up on lemon tea and milk-tea, and I heard there were factions fighting over them.

I also added coffee but it seems unpopular. But, there is a small group of people who buy it every day so I didn't remove it, but maybe I should change it to cafe ole.

[TL: Cafe ole, is a milk coffee]

Around this time, there are some『Hunters』that are just waking up so I put the oden can up.

After my rush hour ended, I caught sight of something small moving, I definitely didn't miss it. Damn, that brat actually came again. Every day around this time a girl comes by. She has brown hair done in twin tails; no matter how you look at it she's just a cheeky brat. She can't be more than 10 years old.

She wears clothes that look much more expensive compared to the other people living in this settlement, a typical spoiled ojou-chan.

I don't think it's safe for a little girl to be wandering around alone in a place that only has a wooden gate to guard it against monsters. She's the daughter of

the wealthiest rock architecture merchant here. I noticed a while ago, but, even though she looks like she's travelling alone there are guards following her secretly. Well, the only reason I know that is because the guard talking here bought milk-tea while complaining about his job.

"Haa, Suori-sama's tomboyish acts are giving us a hard time. If only she acted just a little bit more like a lady, our work would be easier." (Guard)

I felt a lot of pity for the black clothes man, but right now I want to tell them, discipline this brat properly! This Suori girl is way beyond just being a tomboy.

When she first saw me, she had a look of curiosity on her face so I said "Welcome", and she jumped and ran away really quickly. At that time I thought her reaction was cute but right now I want to punch myself for thinking that.

The problems started the day after that. At first, she was just observing me from afar, now, I don't know what the hell she was thinking but she suddenly threw a rock at me. A rock thrown by a powerless little girl like her didn't hurt, but it pissed me off. I let it go since she was just a child, but she came again the next day.

That time she came while carrying a bag. I thought maybe, this time, she had come to buy something, but no, she started packing rocks in her bag. This time, she went over the line so I said as loud as I could

–"Please pay the balance by inserting coins."

When I shouted at her she was really close, so she got scared and dropped to the floor.

"Im-impudent! D-do you kn-, do you know fu ai amiya?" (Suori)

There was a lot of weird slurring but it seemed like she was really angry. After that, the black clothes man jumped out and picked her up. While she was being carried off, she was shouting "Destroy him!" or something. As you can see, it only got worse as the days went by.

She must have a lot of pride, and couldn't forgive me for surprising her. She started pestering me with stupid but dangerous things. She tried to throw something like paint but I scared her by speaking again so the paint only got on herself. Then, she tried to hit me with a stick, but she fell down and started

crying. She never actually did anything, but at the same time, it's not like I can just laugh and let her off easy.

And now I'm being cautious as to what she's planning this time but… ara? She is looking down and walking sadly. It's obvious that she's crestfallen. If she were acting then she would deserve an Oscar, but she's stupid so I don't think she could pull it off. Nn, she didn't do anything criminal-like and was just standing there doing nothing. When she raised her head I saw she had some tears in her eyes that were about to fall. Did something happen with her family?

When an annoying brat who was always happy suddenly becomes this sad, even I wouldn't do something bad, otherwise, I couldn't call myself a human anymore. Oh, wait. Well, at least as an adult I should do something for her.

I looked through the items and searched for a drink a kid might like. I guess orange juice will do.

Ora yotto, I dropped the orange juice for free. FOR FREE! Haha, I'm such a responsible adult.

[ED: I think Ora yotto means something similar to "Here we go!"]

"Eh, what was that sound?" (Suori)

–"Welcome."

Today is the house, but next time, please pay alright?

"I can take it?" (Suori)

Holding the orange juice and looking surprised like that, at least her face is cute. Wait, I'm not a lolicon, alright?

"Ah, um, thanks." (Suori)

— "Please come again."

The circumstances might be strange, but I wish these peaceful days would just continue. I truly wish that from the bottom of my heart.

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Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Guild Master

[ED: Holy shit this was a long chapter. I said I was going to do 3 today too lol.]

I woke up in front of the inn, feeling happy.

In the beginning, there were some who tried to steal me, but these days it's peaceful. That twin-tailed princess stopped pestering me, and now she's properly buying my items. Her favorite is orange juice so I've been thinking about adding more fruit juices in the future.

Usually, the granny couple and the boy come around at this time, but today there's a new customer… He's been staring at me for a while without moving an inch.

Usually, around this time, the grandpa and grandma couple plus the youth would be here but today a new customer was here…… He's been staring at me for a while without moving a bit.

As a vending machine, my height is around 180cm [ED: 5'9"] but the bear in front of me is larger. I think it's fine for me to call him that since he really does look like a bear.

He has black fur and is wearing a long coat with the hood up. I wasn't kidding, it's literally a bear. I thought that if something like him walked around town there would be a huge ruckus, but nobody even gave him a second glance.

So, in this world a bear-man is considered normal. I guess there are even humanoid frogs so what can I say, right…?

"Ara, guildmaster, what are you doing here?" (?)

A loud and energetic voice came out of the inn. Of course, it's Ramis. Just now she called the bear "guildmaster". Even though he looks like a thug I guess he is someone in a high position. If that's the case then he must have intelligence, maybe?

"Fumu, It's just Ramis" (Guildmaster)

Deep… between his body and his voice, he must have a large presence. From just his voice, I can tell he feels like a boss that can be relied on.

“How rare for the『Hunter』guildmaster to come all the way out here.” (Ramis)

“Fumu. Today I came to ask a request of the magic tool with a will.” (Guildmaster)

Eh, me? The『Hunter』guildmaster should be someone with an important position. Just what kind of request would an important man like that make?

“So you came for Hakkon. Then, let’s go inside and have a talk! Hakkon, I will carry you, k? Yoishottooo.” (Ramis)

By now, I’ve gotten used to being carried like this. It feels as though I’m a kid being looked after. For a guy like me who can’t even move by himself, I feel like her presence in my life will only get bigger.

I’ve been placed on a chair at a round table, with the bear guildmaster sitting across from me. When he sat he made a “Dotton!” sound. Damn, he must be heavy. By the way, Ramis is sitting right next to me.

“Your super strength is valuable to us『Hunters』, why don’t you come back?” (Guildmaster)

“I’, having fun working here at the inn. Besides, even if I go back no one will team up with me… “ (Ramis)

“Fumu, I don’t think that’s true. Well, feel free to come back anytime you like.” (Guildmaster)

“Thank you, guildmaster” (Ramis)

I thought Ramis wasn’t a good『Hunter』but I guess the guildmaster’s evaluation of her is really high. I suppose if she teams up with someone who has a high compatibility with her power, then she can bring out her talent.

“What I wanted to talk about is the subjugation squad being formed to raid the『Frog-men』territory. And I want you, Hakkon, to participate in it.” (Guildmaster)

What an unexpected request. Does he expect me to fight?

“Eh, Hakkon can’t fight you know?” (Ramis)

“I know. I want him to provide food and drink while we are traveling. We should have enough but you never know what might happen in situations like these. Some warm food you can eat right away is invaluable to the morale of『Hunters』. Of course, we will still pay. I will also give you a bonus fee for the work. What do you think?” (Guildmaster)

I think this request is not bad. The『Frog-men』are somewhat afraid of me so they probably won’t attack me. Plus, with that many『Hunters』, my income will skyrocket.

But, how do they plan on moving me? Maybe a carriage or something.

“What do you think Hakkon? Do you want to take the request?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

I answered instantly. If I’m going to be living here then it’s not bad building a good relationship with the guilmmaster. Maye with this, I can become more famous and attract more customers. I will let the『Hunters』remember the taste of my items and get them addicted.

“So Hakkon will go. Then, I will also participate.” (Ramis)

It’s nice seeing her volunteer like that but I don’t want Ramis to do a dangerous job. I believe it’s better for her to keep working in the inn rather than be a『Hunter』.

“So, Ramis is also going to participate. Then, I want you to team up with Hakkon and be in charge of transportation and distributing the food and drink.” (Guildmaster)

“Haai. Entrust Hakkon to me!” (Ramis)

So she is going to be with me. Then, I guess there won’t be too much danger. If I have to I can also use『Barrier』to protect her. I guess it’s alright for her to participate then.

Even if we don’t participate, the『Frog-men』might attack and destroy the settlement, and at that time I’m sure Ramis will be in danger.

The conversation finished so the bear guildmaster left. The subjugation unit

will leave in 3 days, so I should prepare. I need to stock up on food, and think about what people would like.

Then, the day of subjugation came

I was already placed in a basket. (Shoiko) [TN: It looks like this: http://wpedia.goo.ne.jp/wiki/%E8%83%8C%E8%B2%A0%E5%AD%90]

There were around 30『Hunters』, male and female, around me. They left a few behind to guard the town but most of the『Hunters』will participate in the mission. The lives of the settlement are important, but the『Teleportation Circle』is far too important to be lost. It can instantly transfer people between this floor and the surface.

Many people from the from the upper floors also utilize it. On each floor, there is a floor guardian. If you can defeat it, a『Teleportation Circle』will appear, and you can use it to go to the next floor. Even if you weren't the one to defeat the guardian you can still use the

『Teleportation Circle』at the entrance, and travel to any floor where the guardian was defeated.

The deeper you go, the stronger the enemies become, but some floors have a low rate of strong monsters appearing, so it's easier to earn there. One such floor is this one, the『Clear Stream Lakeshore』. Karios was bragging about it before.

However, there is nothing scarier than numbers. During their breeding season the『Frog-men』produce tons of babies and they all become adults before the winter. I heard from Munina that that's why it's so dangerous around this time.

"This season came around again." (Hunter A)

"Let's not think too much about the danger, and instead earn tons of money!" (Hunter B)

A pair of what look to be veteran warriors are talking to each other. They seemed really reliable. This happens every year so many『Hunters』come. It's a good time to earn for merchants, or so I heard.

"H-hey. Let's just go. We shouldn't work ourselves too much." (Hunter C)

“Unn. We can still aim for the left overs and earn enough money.” (Hunter D)

“Unn. We can aim for the left over and still earn enough money”

Newbies like these that were really nervous were also participating. I’m sure it will be fine with so many people but… there are much more『Frog-men』active this year than last year. In case of an emergency, I want to be able to escape and protect Ramis but… haa, I wish I had『Transformation』.

“Hakkon, you’re not feeling uncomfortable are you?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome” [Yes] [TL: he means yes I’m not feeling uncomfrotable]

She’s been worrying and talking to me like this, I guess it’s also a way for her to relieve her own anxiousness. She seems a bit pale.

I forgot what they call units that carry supplies, I remember my friend that was really into the military talking about it before. Was it logistics? I guess I can just call them the Transportation squadron. This squadron doesn’t have to participate in the battle. Instead, they are guarding a horned boar carrying luggage——–We are going to act together with the boar carriage.

It seems the guildmaster understands the importance of supplies, since he assigned 6

『Hunters』to guard us.

“Calm down. Our ability is at least mid-class. It’s easy for us to defeat『Frog-men』.” (?)

A wild-looking guy wearing a long hat with a pointy tip spoke to us. He looked like a cowboy from some western film, but he had a sword on his waist instead of a gun. He’s the leader of this guard team, so it looks like he’s someone who has a lot of experience. I’ve never seen him before so he must have traveled here to participate in the event.

A guy wearing a long hat with pointy front, with a wild look on him, talked to us. He looks like a cowboy from a western film, but he is equipped with a sword rather than a gun in is a waist.

He is the leader of the guard team here, he looks like a person with lots of experience. I’ve never seen him before so he must have come from outside to

participate in the event.

“Hai, I will be in your care!” (Ramis)

She bowed very deeply so I nearly hit the man, so he jumped backwards.

“Uotto, so this is the famous box with a will. There are rumours about you in the settlement.” (Cowboy)

“This boy is Hakkon. If you insert money you can buy anything on the display, and when you press the button, your item will come out.” (Ramis)

Ramis is getting better at explaining me now. At first, not many people knew how I worked so she worked really hard to explain it to them. After the method of my use spread, she placed a board explaining how I worked, so the citizens who saw it tentatively tried using me. It’s kind of nostalgic now that I think about it.

“Hoh, what a convenient thing. While exploring and fighting we can easily get food and drink. The downside is that it’s kinda big, but if someone like you is hired then there must be a high income.” (Cowboy)

“It’s good that you’re praising me, but I just saw a hint of darkness in your gaze. That look reminds me of the people who tried to steal me but failed. I should be cautious around this guy.

“Ah, just now you were thinking of taking Hakkon, right? You can’t do that, he’s my best friend.” (Ramis)

Ramis is really sharp, so maybe she does have an ability or talent for reading other people. But with her kind nature, she doesn’t abuse it.

“Uoh, you get me. It’s Hakkon, right? If he was with me it’d be really convenient. Oh well, to commemorate our meeting here I guess I’ll buy something. I don’t need water right now… I think I’ll take the one with a drawing of Romawa.”

[TL: Romawa is not Japanese, it’s a random name given by the author for a lemon in the other world]

“That’s a cold one. I think it’s better to choose the red one which is warmer.” (Ramis)

“Oh, is that so. Thanks.” (Cowboy)

The man chose lemon tea. He’s a bit shady but he’s still a customer nonetheless. I have to provide him with the item.

I thank him by saying

–”Thank you. Please come again.”

After he got his drink.

“Hee, he really does talk. Amazing. I’ve never seen a container like this. Just how does it work?” (Cowboy)

“Unnto ne, I don’t really know myself. Ah, once you finish drinking the container disappears, so you don’t have to worry about trash.” (Ramis)

“Seriously? Then, how about the taste… kuhaaa, delicious. It’s warm too, amazing. If we put this in an urban area then we could earn a hell of a lot of money. How does it restock itself?” (Cowboy)

This guy’s questions are really on point. He might just be curious, but I think in his mind he must be calculating the profits. It looks like he has a really good sense for making money.

“Soregane, I’ve never restocked Hakkon before. Till now he’s sold more than hundreds of items, isn’t it mysterious?” (Ramis)

“Hmm, this box is getting more and more interesting. Oi, Firumina, you were listening right? Come here for a bit.” (Cowboy)

“What is it Kerioiru-taichou? Also, you’re too loud.” (?)

[ED: I got it as Kerioiru leader, so I guessed on the suffix. Also, his name is really hard to type.]

The person that responded to his call was a girl with a blue wavy perm. Her eyes looked a bit sharp, giving her a fierce look. She had a great face so I felt that it was a waste. She was wearing a blue robe and holding a wand made of wood. She definitely looks like a magician. And one that uses water.

“You’re knowledgeable about ancient treasures aren’t you. Don’t you know anything about this ‘Hakkon’?” (Kerioru)

“I’ve been trying to see through him, but I don’t feel any magic. It’s like it’s just a piece of iron.

Well, it’s because I’m a vending machine.

“But, items are coming out without a need for any restocks so he must be utilizing some sort of other dimension to store them.” (Kerioiru)

“Normally that’s the case, but if he has a『Divine Gift』then it won’t emit mana. Well, it doesn’t matter, a piece of piece of iron wouldn’t be able to use a『Divine Gift』in the first place.

Ah, unn, I actually can though… I guess it was true that a vending machine that could use a

『Divine Gift』was weird. I should refrain from using『Barrier』for a while and only use it during emergencies.

“He must be an abnormal existence then. I don’t really get it, but thank you for cooperating with us. Also, it was nice meeting you Hakkon.” (Kerioiru)

–”Thank you.”

He still feels shady and stuff, but I have to thank him for buying an item earlier. I should keep an eye on Ramis since she seems like she could be easily tricked.

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Chapter 9

Chapter 9 Subjugation Unit (Sponsored Chapter)

The nest/settlement of『Frog-men』was 1 hour to the south of the lakeshore I was in.

So that's why so many『Frog-men』came to investigate. If I made a mistake choosing my

『Divine Gift』I would've been scrap. Good thing I didn't choose a fighting-type『Divine Gift』. Even if I did, I wouldn't be able to use it with this vending machine body.

–"Welcome."

–"Thank you."

–"Please come again."

I don't even have time to think since the business here is a great success. I've been saying thank you non-stop.

During lunch,『Hunters』brought their own rations, or used the ingredients from the Transportation squadron, but thanks to Ramis, many people began to gather towards me and buy stuff.

"This pasta dish is so delicious!" (Hunter)

Yup, for this trip I bought a new function for 1000 points. Lately, it's been

really cold from morning to night, so I bought a water boiling function and stocked up on 4 different kinds of cup ramen. Kitsune udon, soy sauce ramen, pork ramen, and salt ramen. This way, they can find something they like.

Of course this is another world, so no one knows how ramen works. Therefore, I chose brands that only required adding boiling water. Also, this item has a picture on the lid explaining how to make it, so Ramis and Munina understood quickly.

“When I transform into cup ramen mode, half of the display will be used for the function, and the number of places where I can put drinks decreases so that’s one negative aspect. [ED: I guess some of the glass gets taken up by a boiling water dispenser?] But, I can transform back and forth freely if any customer wants drinks or other products.

Today was especially cold, and when they saw Ramis eating ramen with delight, more people started to buy from me. Currently I’m having a great sale. I set the price of ramen to 2 silver. [ED: That’s 20 USD lol. For god damn cup ramen.] I also provided forks with the cup ramen.

“Kuhaa, my whole body is getting warmed up.” (Nameless Hunter)

“This big brownish one has a really strong flavour and it taste’s so good!” (Insignificant Hunter)

“Your’s looks good, let me trade a bite.” (even more insignificant Hunter)

The『Hunters』are eating while commenting on their food. Before I knew it, 40 cup ramens and tons of drinks were sold. As expected from a job requiring a lot

of energy, many of them ate more than 2.

It takes 2 days to reach the enemy's camp, and they packed more than enough food but

『Hunters』usually don't want complex food and prefer easy and quick food. This is one of the reasons I was able to have such a great sale.

Of course I must also give thanks to the developers of cup ramen. When I see these high quality foods I feel really grateful for being born in Japan.

If it keeps up like this for the rest of the expedition, I'm going to earn heaps of money. I was thinking of pricing the cup ramen at 3 silver but I didn't want to demoralize them, and subjugating the『Frog-men』is more important. So as to motivate them and cheer them on I decided to keep the price a little low. [ED: …]

We are all the way at the back, so we've never had to fight, but sometimes I can hear the battle between the『Hunters』and the『Frog-men』. Overall, it's been peaceful.

While we're on the move no one buys anything, so I take the opportunity to look the functions again and develop a strategy to earn more.

Here is my status right now:

『Vending Machine』Hakkon

Endurance: 100/100

Defence: 10

Strength: 0

Agility: 0

Dexterity: 0

Mana: 0

PT 3600

Mineral Water (Cold) 1000¥ /1 silver (130)

Milk-Tea (Cold) (Warm) 1000¥ /1 silver (124)

Lemon-Tea (Cold) (Warm) 1000¥ /1 silver (65)

Sports Drink (Cold) 1000¥ /1 silver (78)

Orange Juice(Cold) 1000¥ /1 silver (65)

Oden Can(Warm) 3000¥ / 3 silver (56)

Corn Soup (Warm) 1000¥ / 1 silver (119)

Potato Snack (Room Temperature) 1000¥ / 1 silver) (136)

Cup Ramen: Kitsune Udon (Room Temperature)2000¥ / 2 silver (85)

Cup Ramen: Pork Ramen (Room Temperature) 2000¥ / 2 silver (92)

Cup Ramen: Soy Sauce Ramen (Room Temperature)2000¥ / 2 silver (88)

Cup Ramen: Salty Ramen (Room Temperature) 2000¥ / 2 silver (89)

<Functions>『Refrigeration』『Heat Insulation』

『Boil Water (Cup Ramen Mode)』

<Divine Gifts>『Barrier』

[DE: STATUS 3.0! The line dividers are being really stubborn on the website, but hopefully this works. The default spacing is really large on the website, so the status seems a bit weird. Just trust me when I say it looks better in my text editor. ~~I may or may not go back and hotfix the earlier tables~~. I did. Year of Quality.]

The amount of words being displayed is way too much. [ED: this] I should check and see if I can display specific categories only. While I'm in the subjugation unit I should be prepared switch to cup ramen mode at any moment, and for drinks I will place one of each in the display.

But, it really seems like magic when I change modes with the function. Maybe there's a function to change color, design, or even form… yup, there was~!

Houhou, I can change my color to anything I want. I can even add new designs and customize the buttons-oh! I can even add an electronic screen. It really has a large amount of options.

Changing colors doesn't cost many points, but changing shape or adding an electronic screen costs quite a bit. When I have points to spare I might buy one. While looking through the list of functions to buy, time passed really quickly and it was already night.

"We're going to camp out here tonight, prepare for the night watch!" (Guildmaster)

This suave voice, it can't be anyone else but the guildmaster. I had forgotten he also joined the subjugation unit. From what I heard he used to be a really strong『Hunter』, and he's a rank higher compared to the other『Hunters』here.

There's a group of『Hunters』setting up camp, but most of them are sitting around the fireplace. I guess those people will sleep in sleeping bags. I was curios as to what Ramis was going to do, so I turned my gaze towards her, and she was smiling happily beside me.

She looks really unprepared but she's still a former『Hunter』so she should have something right? Now that I think about it, she didn't bring anything since she was carrying me. Is she really going to be alright?

Even though I'm worried she seems carefree and is right now just trying to decide what she's going to buy. Other people are eating slightly luxurious food since tomorrow is the day of the battle.

Most of them bought their favorite drinks but they didn't buy the cup ramen or any of the food products. I guess they don't want to eat too much so that it is easier to move.

"I like the one with the skewers, but I wish there was a skewer for this egg only." (Ramis)

Ramis likes eggs, huh. Eggs are really expensive so if I changed it to all eggs the costs would go up.

Tonight, Ramis's dinner is kitsune udon, an oden can, and milk-tea. I don't know if it's really nutritious or just plain bad. [ED: I guess because there's a bunch of random shit he can't tell if it's really healthy or really stupid?]

"Are you free right now?" (Guildmaster)

I saw a huge figure behind Ramis, it must be the guildmaster. I didn't notice his presence even though he's so close. I guess they weren't lying when they said he was a really strong『Hunter』.

“Is the guildmaster also going to buy something?” (Ramis)

“I guess. I might buy the yellow sup later on. But, I’m here to talk about tomorrow. The enemy’s nest is around 3 hours from here. This place is hidden bu many trees and bushes, so it will be safe to stay here.” (Guildmaster)

“I want you guys to choose whether you are coming or not. If you are staying here some stray

『Frog-men』might come and attack. I will be sure to keep the guards with you guys, but we can’t guarantee you safety.” (Guildmaster)

If we go with them we are sure to be caught up in the battle, but there will be 30 veteran『Hunters』, and I heard their chance of losing is zero. Truth be told I don’t know how dangerous『Frog-men』are so I don’t know which choice is correct.

This is a tough one. I’m not sure how to answer. I don’t feel pain, and I can take 2-3 hits without a problem. Even if I get damaged I can just fix myself with points.

I don’t really mind so it depends on Ramis. She looks like she’s really eager to battle. I guess there’s only one choice then.

–“Too bad.” [No]

“Eh, you want to fight?” (Ramis)

–”Welcome.” [Yes]

“Un, I understand. Guildmaster, we are going to fight!” (Ramis)

I will protect her at all costs. I may not have arms or legs, but I have『Barrier』, so I can at least protect. My first customer and friend in this world. I wouldn’t mind spending tons of points to protect her. For this purpose I must sell items and earn more and more points.

Come,『Hunters』! Get addicted to my products!

[ED: I said I was going to do 3 but I ran out of kradness and I’m really tired so I’m just going to stop here. I’ll do more tomorrow afternoon.]

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Chapter 10

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The sun was rising so the『Hunters』started their activities. In the end Ramis slept while leaning on me. It seems my『Heat Insulation』function affected even my surroundings so Ramis didn't need a blanket and slept soundly.

Last night was really cold so the sale of hot drinks was astronomical. In just one day I was able to earn 1000 points, it was unexpected in a good way.

Even this morning customers seeking warmth are lined up in front of me. It's a good thing I stocked up on cup ramen and corn soup last night.

If the『Frog-men』have anything in common with normal frogs, then the『Hunters』could just wait until they entered hibernation. But, there's still the possibility that they look like frogs but aren't actually like them. Well, even if my prediction was right there's now way for me to tell them.

"Everyone, listen up. After eating breakfast we are going to attack the enemy headquarters. Execute the plan I gave you earlier. With our group's strength it will probably a decisive victory. However, don't ever underestimate them. That is all." (Guildmaster)

His voice is really persuasive and gives us a sense of security. If this person said it's going to be ok, then I feel it'll be ok.

I was carried off by Ramis as usual, and we departed for battle. Me and my comrade are on our way to exterminate monsters… When I say that it feels like one of those "another world" fantasy novels! But, I'm a vending machine, so it's not like I can do anything… To be of any use it would be good to get other『Divine Gifts』, but each of them costs more than a million points.

Ahh, the sky is really blue— But I'm a man and yet I can only be carried around by a cute girl, haaa, when I think about it it makes me really depressed.

It seems we're getting really close to where the『Frog-men』live, I can feel the atmosphere change. Even though I have a machine body, right!

I can feel the water from condensation sticking to me. This place is really

humid. I'm starting to worry if this body can rust…

The ground here is mud os it looks really difficult to move. The mud is going halfway up the leg for Ramis since I'm heavy. Is she going to be ok?

"GuGeGuGaGuEh!" [Frog-men]

"Destroy them!!" (Hunter)

The cries of the『Frog-men』can be heard ringing out, along with the heroic shouts of the humans. The『Hunters』in the front line already started to fight. The footing is really bad for the『Hunters』, but I guess they already took it into account.

Even with this they calculated that they were going to win, so what's the point of an amateur like me worrying. I can only pray for the safety of the customers. I can hear the footsteps of something running towards me. The escorts guarding the supply cart all switched their faces to serious ones.

"Hakkon. It seems the enemy has come. Let's work hard together." (Ramis)

She even said "work hard together" even though she knows I can't do anything. If I don't listen to her heartfelt request then I am not a man. Well, I'm not sure if vending machines even have genders, though.

It seems she doesn't intend to drop me down and instead fight like that. I'm worried my weight will hinder her movements but I need to answer her resolution.

–"Welcome." [Yes]

I said it at the lowest possible volume. Ramis, you worry about the front and I will watch our backs. I will block any attacks coming from there.

Then, the enemies arrived. Quite a number of『Frog-men』appeared. While I am being carried my body will be to the side Ramis so I can only judge what's going on by sound. Otto, it came from the front so even I can look.

"The number of monsters you kill will be added to the reward. All of you, put more effort into it! Exterminate them all!" (Kerioiru)

"Let's do this!!!!" (Hunters)

Following the order from their leader, they all started attacking the『Frog-men』coming from the front with bows, throwing knives, and axes. Ohh, these people are quite strong. Every attack they launch is killing『Frog-men』. They already killed more than half.

『Water…水水水水水水水水水 Penetrate through them…』

Oh, that is the woman that Kerioiru called out, she wore really magician like clothing. When she raised her wand, water flowed out like a hose and flew through the air, hitting many『Frog-men』at once. So, that is magic. If I get the similar『Divine Gift』then maybe I can control water like that. If that's the case then I can be a fighting vending machine… it's not a bad future. But my mana is still zero. Ah, it's not possible.

I can think carefreely like this because the battle is already in our favour and we're winning by a large margin. While Ramis is fighting my vision is shaky so I can't really see the front. It's really inconvenient now that I can't see the back either.

Ara? Now that I think about it Ramis has never carried a weapon. She was wearing a slightly large glove, is that what it's for?

"Yoshi, I was able to defeat them. It's all thanks to Hakkon being on my back. He lessened my movements so all my attacks hit and I won easily." (Ramis)

I can hear Ramis's cheerful voice. I saw one of the dead bodies of the enemy. It's face is all caved in, it looks like it was hit by a sledgehammer. This must be what's left after being hit by『Super Strength』. I-I see. If I think about it calmly then this much destruction is expected.

"It's unnatural for there to be so many enemies here. When I think that there are even more on the frontline… it smells like danger." (Kerioiru)

I heard the leader mumbling something scary. So, this situation is not normal.

"Everyone gather here. If we move separately we might get surrounded." (Kerioiru)

"Understood, leader!" (Hunters)

The leader's judgement turned out to be right, and the『Frog-men』surrounded

us. With just one look I can already see more than 30. Each person needs to deal with 5 of them. Isn't this dangerous?

"Leader, isn't this a bit too much?" (Firumina)

"Complain later. If we must we can abandon the supply cart. Our party's motto is keeping lives safe." (Kerioiru)

"This is the first time I;m hearing that" (Firumina)

The leader and that blue-haired Firumina are talking about stupid things but their expressions are grim. The situation is that bad. I want Ramis to run if it gets dangerous. I don't mind her abandoning me if I'm a hindrance. She is standing in front of the『Hunter』holding a bow, her job is to fight one the frontline.

"I will deal with any missed enemy." (Ramis)

"Thanks, that would help me alot" (Hunter)

I didn't notice before since she was wearing a hood but she must be a female『Hunter』. Ara, when I think about it this group has a lot of females. Everyone was calling Kerioiru leader, so everyone here is under him. 4 out of 6 people are female… Isn't this a harem party? I will make sure to call Kerioiru a perverted ass from now on. [ED: Yaay, I don't have to type his name anymore!]

While I was thinking about stupid things the battle was becoming more intense. The perverted ass isn't called leader for show, as he cut down the『Frog-men』one after the other with his swords. The other members are also really strong and are overwhelming the frogs with their strength. The problem is the archer Ramis is protecting. She is also strong, but she seems bad at consecutive shots and allowed the enemy to get close many times.

The moment they close in Ramis deals with them and is barely staying alive. Ramis can fight one on one but when it's a 2 on 1 she can't finish it quickly. The frog saw the opening and is trying to hit me with his axe.

I know I won't take that much damage so I just let him attack without activating『Barrier』.

<<4 Damage, Endurance decreased by 4>>

My body shook for a moment and words popped up. It's been a while since I've

seen them. I have enough points now so I let myself get hit around 10 times.

“Eh, they went around the back!? I-I’m sorry Hakkon! Are you ok?” (Ramis)

She’s panicking really badly. It’s ok, there’s no need for you to worry so much. I’m happy I can take the damage instead of you.

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“I’m really sorry!” (Ramis)

No worries, you should just focus on your enemy. I want to say it but I can’t. I can’t see what’s happening, but I felt Ramis’s movement getting disturbed. I can even sense her agitation. This is bad.

“Kyah!” (Ramis)

She dodged one of the attacks and fell on her side, now I could see the battle. The『Frog-man』is attacking her with a spear since she had an opening.

“Noooooooo!” (Ramis)

The spear was about to hit Ramis! I should activate my『Barrier』. 『Barrier』, activate! The light spread through the surroundings and the spear was knocked back. In addition, the『Frog-man』was blasted backwards.

“Eh, this, this light…. Is it your power?” (Ramis)

“No, it shouldn’t be him” (?)

Aah, I want to increase my area of vision. Isn’t there any function like this. We’re in a situation like this but I still looked for the function since it’s inconvenient not being able to look at my back. Oh, found it.

<Omni-directional Sight>

1000 points huh, it’s not cheap but, it’s better than dying because I didn’t take it. I bought it without hesitation.

Oohhh, I can see everything… I might get dizzy. I can see in all directions now, and it feels really good but it might take some time before I get used to it.

“If you didn’t do it then who created that light wall?” (Ramis)

–“If you win, you get another one for free.”

I tried to appeal that I did. It’s not like I’m showing off, but It might hinder her movement if she didn’t know.

“Eh, Hakkon, you were the one who did it!?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“Uwaa, thank you so much Hakkon!” (Ramis)

This is one of her good parts, she just trusts me like that. Normal people wouldn’t believe it if a box said it had this kind of power.

Then, if it gets dangerous, can you protect me?” (Ramis)

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

I said it with loud volume. Now she knows that she will be safe. Let’s destroy the frogs together. The real battle starts now!

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Chapter 11

“Hakkon, if the enemy approaches from the back, make sure to tell me, ok?” (Ramis)

–”Welcome.” [Yes]

–“If you win, you get another one for free.” [The enemy is here]

“When you say, ‘if you win’, then should I interpret that as the enemy has come, right?” (Ramis)

–”Welcome.” [Yes]

It feels easy to communicate my will with Ramis. Her senses are really sharp, so we don’t need to say anything to understand each other’s intentions… I think?

But, is it true that Ramis is a weak『Hunter』? Now that I’m able to observe her movements, I’ve been paying attention to her fight. She is trying to avoid hitting me with her elbow, and she’s only done it once. Her footwork is not that quick but when she’s dodging attacks she only uses the minimum amount of movement needed, and only needs to move a short distance.

Even though we’re in a really tight space and her movements are limited, she’s never accidently hit me. Even though it’s an amateur’s observation, I can tell that her movements are not simple.

“Ahh, this movement. Yes, this movement! It feels just like those days of being forced to carry rocks by master, those hellish trials.” (Ramis)

Master? Is it possible Ramis actually had harsh training with her master and is well trained but hasn’t been able to utilize it until now? Maybe by carrying me she was reminded of her past training and is able to move like she’s supposed to.

Even if I’m wrong, I’m glad that Ramis isn’t in any danger. But what kind of setting is this, carrying a vending machine and then becoming stronger… If it was normal then she would drop me and suddenly get a power up.

“Oh, you are really good! That destructive power and movement, truly amazing.” (?)

“Iyaa, you are embarrassing me with your praise.” (Ramis)

Don’t get distracted now, concentrate on the battle. I know you’re not used to praise, but we’re in the middle of a battle. Stop looking like an idiot! Focus on the battle, just watching you is making me nervous! Look, the enemy is already nearing us.

–“If you win, you get another one for free.” [The enemy is here]

“Mou, even you Hakkon, don’t praise me so much.” (Ramis)

What the hell was I saying about connecting our will? You already forgot our talk from before… aaah, mou,『Barrier』, activate!

I stopped the approaching『Frog-men』before they reached her body. That was dangerous… so close.

“What is this blue light? It not only stops the enemies attack, it also chooses who is allowed to enter or exit. I’ve never seen or heard about this before… is this your『Divine Gift』?” (?)

So『Divine Gifts』are rare, ha? The perverted leader is wailing at you. Even though you’re in battle you look really carefree. Ah, he slashed the frog that jumped on him. Perverted leader is not someone to be underestimated.

“No, this is Hakkon’s power.” (Ramis)

Ah, Ramis… I wanted to keep it a secret from this person. Haa, there’s no point in telling you know though. Her trust in everyone is part of her pure personality. That smile on the perverted leader. It’s telling me he’s planning something bad. He really might try and steal me at this rate. This guy, I rank him as the most dangerous.

“I should befriend Hakkon more from now on.” (perverted ass)

“Un, un, please get along well with him” (Ramis)

If there weren’t dead『Frog-men』everywhere then it would look like an everyday comedic discussion. Also, who wants to be friends with you, you perverted leader?

“We’re done cleaning up here. You guys cut off their tongues. We are going to submit them to the Guild.” (perverted leader)

“Leader, you do it. They’re too sticky and disgusting.”

“Fuh, I don’t do boring and tiring stuff like this since I’m the leader.” (perverted leader)

“Dictator–”

“Lolicon—”

“I’m not getting paid enough for this—”

“You guys sure got some guts, ha?!” (perverted leader)

They are unexpectedly acting like they’re at home. It may look like they are fighting but they’re actually flirting with each other. [ED: I’m not completely sure this was translated properly but it’s funny so whatever.] This perverted leader, he might look shady but it seems like he might actually be a pretty good guy.

Iya, maybe he’s one of those people who’s liked by his teammates but an asshole to others. I shouldn’t lower my guard.

“Ramis, what should we do next? Of course, we can also stay here.” (perverted leader)

“Eeto, I want to go help them since they might be in danger, so let’s go! Hakkon, you are also ok with it right?” (Ramis)

I knew Ramis would say that. Of course, I have no objections.

–”Welcome” [Yes]

Since the enemy managed to reach here, it means the frontline must be having a tough time. I don’t have any intentions to stop us from joining them, but I should be prepared to activate『Barrier』anytime.

When we arrived at the frontline, we saw a muddy battle in progress. Perverted leader’s party went and started attacking the frogs. The『Hunters』were being pushed back so when they saw the reinforcements they started cheering.

But, the difference in numbers was still far too much. The information we got said there would be 50 but there are at least 100. And if we count the dead bodies then there were around 200.

“You’ve really helped us Kerioiru-kun. As expected from the Fool’s Eccentric party.” (Guildmaster)

The bear guildmaster is walking towards us. With his nails dyed red in blood, his presence increased even more. I guess he fights without weapons. No, you could say that his fist’s… his nails’ sharpness could be compared to a katana. But really, what a weird name for a party.

“There were no more jobs for us so we came even though we weren’t needed.” (perverted leader)

“I thank you for your help. There were far too many enemies. Thanks to you we were able to exterminate them. But I wonder if other settlements gathered here. This was far too off the predictions for this to be a single settlement..” (Guildmaster)

“Not only that, but they seemed to be really aggressive. Usually,『Frog-men』will retreat before getting exterminated.” (Guildmaster)

True, when I was attacked by『Frog-men』, they knew their attacks couldn’t get through and gave up. I can say that this organism isn’t so reckless as to fight till death.

“Fumu, then there can only be one thing…”

“It might be that…”

“Maa, it will be that”

3 of them are looking really tense. The way they said it, it seems like it’s something really bad.. They should just go out and say it. I can’t even ask you guys.

“Nee, what is ‘that’?” (Ramis)

Nice Ramis!

“A, sumanu. This is just an assumption but there is a high chance a『King Frog-man』appeared.”

[ED: sumanu means sorry.]
Oh, a『King Frog-man』… What’s that? It sounds strong just from the name, it feels like something dangerous is coming.

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Chapter 12

The injured people were resting in the supply cart. Some number of men were left behind to guard the. Bringing only the strong and veteran Hunters, they headed for the settlement where there might be a King Frog-man— It was decided that we were going to attack it.

[ED: I noticed the author was actually using『』for chants, so I've decided to not use them for anything except thing related to the status. Terms unique to this setting will still be capitalized. Also, the author does a really good job of providing context for who's speaking, so I'm going to try leaving the labels out. I've even been omitting text before so it didn't get too redundant lol.]

If this was a normal novel, then the protagonist, me, would be in the subjugation unit, but as a vending machine Ramis and I stayed behind. Well, our mission was to supply food to begin with, so this much is expected.

The Fool's Eccentric party, led by Kerioiru (what poor naming sense), joined the King Frog-man hunt. Also, there are supposedly only a small number of Frog-men protecting the King, so we can just relax here. In other words, it's selling time! We were near the supply cart, so let's earn a bit of points.

–"Welcome."

"There are hot meals and drinks— drinks are only 1 silver!"

Ramis reacted to my call by helping out. It seems it was the right time to take a rest, and cup ramen, tea, and sports drinks sold the most. At first many people didn't like the weird taste of the sports drinks, but the rumour that drinking it would relieve your fatigue prompted many Hunters to buy it. As a matter of fact the sports drink with the blue and white logo was originally developed as a medicine. I remember that in the past it helped when I was having a cold or diarrhea. It's the perfect drink for a situation like this where everyone is tired.

"Ha, when I can eat warm food without needing to make a fire, I can't get enough."

"We don't even have to clean, it makes me really happy."

“Aah, I want one on my team.”

A vending machine’s ability is really useful for Hunters, so they are looking at me enviously. It’s already troublesome enough with the perverted leader, and now I have to look out for the other Hunters too.

Ramis is smiling happily since other people are complimenting me. She doesn’t understand the meaning of their gaze… if this keeps up…

“Sorry, but can someone help out with the injured ones?”

“Ah, I will help! Hakkon, I’m going to leave you alone but don’t cry just because you got lonely, ok?”

— “Please come again.”

“Whats with that? Then, I’m going.”

I responded to her teasing with a quick retort, so she acted a little angry by pouting, then left. If I was in my real body it might have looked like an interaction between a couple, but I’m just a machine…

“Utto, that gullible one went away. Now’s the time.”

A short man with a tooth protruding was looking and suspiciously and walked towards me. I know it’s the worst judging people by their looks, but I have to say it. He looks way too shady.

What else can I say? He looks like some small-fry. I want to give him the title of “little criminal”. He’s getting closer while humming, his eyes seems to be licking me all over. When I see his gaze, I notice he’s looking at the place where you insert your ****.

[ED: Just kidding, it says money.]

“Hmm, what should I buy?”

The small-fry looking Hunter said that in a really loud idiotic voice, and he tries to insert a silver pick in the place for coins. Aa, this guy, he wants to rob my money. Then, I should take the appropriate response for this.

—-”WELCOME!!!”

I said it at my loudest volume.

“Uei!!??”

Oh, he was surprised enough to jump. My voice and his attracted the attention of others. Now, what will you do in this situation?

“He-hee, he really can talk. It really is amazing.”

Oh? Acting like you’re admiring me, your expression looks really forced. If you drop the act and buy something I’ll let you go, but you don’t seem like an honest human.

“You, if you really understand my voice then give me the money… unless you want to be destroyed, understand?”

He said it in a low voice. Oh, this asshole just started kicking me. Hou hou, don’t underestimate vending machines just because we don’t have limbs.

I will show you the power of a vending machine!! I dropped a mineral water down, and the man’s look became visibly happier. The moment he pushed his hand through the flap, I dropped another product.

“Again, that sound…. HOOOOOOOOOOOT! Hot, hot gyaa!”

Fuhahahaha, corn soup which I heated to it’s maximum capacity. However, I’m not done yet.

–“If you win, you get another one for free.”

I dropped more continuously so that he couldn’t take away his hands. This is the price you pay for hurting my beautiful body and trying to steal my money. I will never forgive you. Continue to suffer from the heat, muahahahaha.

“Sh-shit! A mere box dares to underestimate me?! I will destroy you!”

He took out a sword with his other hand and brandished it at me. I can block it with『Barrier』but even if I just took the hit the damage will be little. I will let you hit me as proof of your deed. I had decided that, but before the sword reached me it suddenly stopped.

“What are you trying to do to Hakkon….”

This is Ramis’s scary voice. She must’ve rushed over once she heard the crowd. This girl can really get scary. The man is frozen looking at Ramis. Her face was

that scary. The more you see her adorable face during the day, the more her terrifying her change is.

“No, it’s not what it looks like! I just tried to take the goods, but too many products dropped and I couldn’t take my hands out!”

“Didn’t you do something bad before?”

Nice Ramis. I might fall in love with her ability to read the mood with her sharp instinct.

“I didn’t do shit! This guy did it by itself!”

“Hakkon, did he really do nothing bad?”

–”Too bad.” [No]

“You see, Hakkon says you’re guilty.”

“What are you saying. Are you going to trust a box rather than me, you should know—-”

“Of course I believe in Hakkon more.”

She answered instantly. That’s how strong her trust in me is. I’m so happy that I’ll hug her if I ever grow hands. Also, I need to give more presents to this jackass. The soups got a bit colder but I’ll crush him with the weight.

“Ouchhhhhhhhh! This box asshole, stop!”

“Now that I think about it, aren’t you that Gugoiru guy I’m supposed to be careful of, you must be that guy the guildmaster warned me about.”

[ED: Gugoiru is his name.]

“Heh, n-no. Of course not!”

Uwaa, he sucks at acting. He is sweating profusely and looking away. You are practically admitting it with your act.

“Ramis-chan. That guy is Gugoiru, he’s famous for doing shady stuff.”

An old man who showed his head from a cart told us. Ah, this person, he was the guy who taught his subordinates how to use me. I should take note that he’s a good person.

“Fuuuun, then I guess I don’t have to hold back.”

She is made a poki poki sound with her arm and smiled. Somehow, it was really scary. In the end he was tied up by a rope and beaten to a pulp, then he was sent to the cart.

“Th-this is bad! Oi, everyone retreat! The huge one is coming this way!”
I saw a huge frog surrounded by fire hopping our way.

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Chapter 13

“Oi oi! Why is the King Frog-man coming this way! What the heck are the guys over there doing?”

I ignored the Hunters who were shouting angrily, and instead observed the giant frog. In the distance I can see Hunters chasing it. The Frog-man seems to have a height of 3 meters. [ED: 10 ft] It might even be as tall as the second floor of the mansion.

It differs from a normal Frog-man. It doesn’t have arms or legs, and is instead shaped like a normal frog. However, it’s wearing a brownish armour, so it’s definitely not a simple frog. Ma, how does that flame aura work? I thought one of the Hunters had lit it on fire, but the frog looks fine… is the flame the result of it’s power?

“Shit, isn’t it in it’s rage state? We can’t get near it!”

Ah, so the fire is in fact its own doing. It’s most likely a『Divine Gift』or something, anything is possible for those things, just like my『Barrier』. Everytime he hops, I can feel my body shake. Even if he’s 3 meters tall, he’s still is surprisingly heavy.

I’m making observations calmly to myself but… isn’t this actually dangerous?

“Retreaat!” Everyone retreat!”

“Ruuuuuuun! Leave the bags!”

I need to do something to surprise it and something to hinder it. If I buy some time the Hunters in the back line will be able to do something about it. Something, anything to buy time, is there anything I can do?

I frantically look through my products but the wounded people’s screams are getting louder. AAh, shit, anything! There has to be something useful among the products I bought. Wait, ah, if I use this and do that I can at least buy some time!

How many points do I have? It’s over 6000, it’s enough! First, I buy the function for selling 2 litre bottles with 1000 points. Then I buy the new product. I changed all the items in the display to the 2 litre cola bottles. There also one’s

you don’t see much these days, diet colas. Other items are not needed right now. Also, so that Ramis will notice, I dropped one.

“Uah, what was that sound?! Did it reach us?”

“No, Ramis-chan. Hakkon’s body changed a little then something dropped by itself.”

Nice assist bearded man. Now notice me, Ramis.

“Wh-what does it mean, dropping a product in this situation? Hakkon, does it perhaps have some meaning to it?”

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

“You must have some plan then. I believe in you!”

She put me on the ground and took the cola out.

“Eh, these bubbles are making pupuku sounds… that weird juice?”

She seems to remember the time we first met and I gave her a cola. I continue dropping them while Ramis takes them to the supply cart. Now that I think about it, I don’t feel the ground shaking anymore. Did something happen? I looked over towards the King Frog-man and saw some Hunters were able to reach it. They were trying to engage it while dodging the fire.

If it continues like this then that frog will reach us in no time. That’s why I need to do something to change the situation. And so, I bought another function, 『Form Change』!

My body became surrounded in light and started changing form. From a rectangle to something more like a circle. My lower body became colorful, and circle patterns were visible all over. The upper body had transparent glass with newly bought candy in every display slot. This is the Ment*s vending machine. [ED: It’s a censored Mentos vending machine.]

“Eh? EH?! Hakkon became round?!”

I dropped the candies for free.

“Eh, I should take it right?”

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

Ramis picks up the candy which is overflowing the outlet. Till this point it's been fine but now the problem is finding a way to get her to understand. How can I communicate? I should just do what I can.

–"the balance by inserting-"

–"pay the balance by inserting-"

–"by inserting coi-."

"Eh, even though you dispensed that many products, I should still insert money?"

–"Too bad." [No]

–"Please pay the balance by inserting coins."

–"Please pay the balance by inserting-"

"Wh-what do you mean?"

Haa, I know this isn't enough information. But I can't do anything about it. I know it's reckless of me but please, somehow…

"Ramis-chan, maybe he broke."

"No! Hakkon is trying his best to tell us something!"

I feel like crying right now. She has faith in me and is trying to understand me. Even if she can't understand, I won't regret anything. She believed in me to this extent, this is enough, it's more than good enough for me.

"This carbonated drink. Candy. Insert coin. But, that's different… this drink was the one that blasted. Eeto, just like that time… but what is this candy for? It came out even though I didn't pay the money, but I should still insert the money? No…

Just little more, a little more. Notice it, please.

"I don't give a shit about that! Take off the rope you asshole! I won't ever reflect on my actions!"

That little criminal we tied up with rope. I completely forgot about him.

"Shut up, you're noisy! Put something in his mouth to make him shut up."

“Oh, ou. Then I will put this in.”

Ah, he got shouted at by the bearded old man, he forced the candy in his mouth.

“Whafafuack! Peh, you dare push in that paper stick. It’s stuck in my mouth, are? What is this, it’s so gooood! Ah, it’s making me thirsty. Someone, water, give me water!”

Tch, enjoying the taste in a situation like this.

“Daaa, shut up. Just let him drink this!”

That old man threw the cola at him, and then he poured the drink into the little criminal’s mouth.

Ah.

“BURFARUFAAAA!”

A splendid water fountain rose out of the little criminal’s mouth. Ramis, who say this-understood everything.

“I see. I should insert the candy and not the money… am I right?”

–“Welcome.” [Yes]
Once she understood what she needed to do, she gave the cola and the Ment*s to everyone and briefly explained it to them. Now, let’s blow that fat frog! [ED: Wasn’t sure if the author intended this or not, so I just left it.]

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Chapter 14

The fighting was getting more dangerous by the second. The Hunters who were engaged in battle noticed us, but before they could say anything, the King Frog-man dashed over to us. There was no way out, so we might as well try it.

“Everyone, get ready!”

“Ou!”

Everyone lined up in a straight horizontal line, and dropped the candy in the cola. In the next money, the bubbles from the bottle blasted–

“Aim at the eyes!”

The liquid blasted into the King Frog-man’s eyes. It looks annoyed and is trying to attack, but the intensity of the fire dropped. Seeing this as an opening, the Hunters began to attack ferociously while our cola splashed it’s eyes.

“GuGeGuGeGooooooo!”

Ah, he’s blinking really hard. When cola gets in your eyes it really hurts. I know how you feel. The Hunters started attacking more earnestly when they saw the opening. Now that we pestered him really badly, we leave the rest to you guys. We are retreating!

“Let’s escape!”

I said good bye as we got further away from the King, Ramis is dodging while pulling the supply cart.

— “Please come again.”

The moment it was blinded, the King Frog-man was defeated, but now that I think about it, wouldn’t have been easier if we just used Ramis’s『Super Strength』to launch the cola, no, any drink at the Frog-man… Ah, but Ramis really sucks at throwing so the hit rate would be really low. And there was no way I could communicate that to her. There I listed all possible excuses. I mean, anyone would think of some weird idea during a panic. Though it was a job well done, there must have been a better way of doing it. Unn, I should reflect on it.

“It worked perfectly~, right Hakkon?”

“It’s all thanks to you Hakkon.”

I’m grateful for their compliments but I feel conflicted. If only I could dispense anything I wanted, then I could just have take out the gas [ED:Propane???] and let her throw it. It would create a blast, but I had a restriction based on whatever I bought on Earth. I’ve never seen a vending machine with gas as a product. I couldn’t think of any other options and there was only this sooo…

Another thing I should reflect on is… point usage. For the 2 litre and candy mode functions I used a total of 2000. On top of that, the cola and candy cost 40 points. So, overall I spent 2040 point. It’s a good thing it wasn’t any higher.

“Don’t be reckless. I felt shivers when I saw you guys”

“I’m sorry, Guildmaster”

Ramis is bowing and apologizing to the bear guildmaster who is approaching us. If I turned off the sound, then it would look like a girl pleading for a bear not to eat her.

“But really, I am thankful for your help. You guys were placed in danger because of our mistake, I’m sorry.”

“N-no! We are also sorry for being reckless.”

The bear and the lolly were both apologizing to each other and bowing. It was a funny but heartwarming sight. There were a lot of people who were injured, but no one was crippled, so the bear guildmaster was relieved.

“Everyone, thank you for your hard work. We will return home after a good rest. However, don’t get careless before we reach the settlement.

Bear Guildmaster’s words marked the conclusion of the battle.

After the battle there were no noteworthy events and by night everyone was too tired to cook so my sales increased. Also, the cola is becoming famous thanks to a small group of people. The people who blasted the cola during the battle drank it as a reward for their help. And, I will be sealing the Ment*s for now, since I would need to change form every time and I can’t sell other things in that form.

After that, we camped out for another night and late in the afternoon we finally arrived at the settlement. We thought we could rest and were feeling relieved… but smoke could be seen rising from various points in the settlement. Oi oi oi!

Part of the wooden gate was destroyed. The gate might be broken but… where are the gate guards Karios and Golsu?! Please be safe.

“Wha-what is happening?! Sorry, everyone, but it looks like we’ll need to work hard together again.”

We left the Hunters who were too exhausted to fight behind, and more than half rushed into the settlement. I’m envious that they’re able to move by themselves. I also want to rush in and search for the gateguards, the inn landlady, and Munani. I want to check on my regulars’ safety.

But, I can’t move by myself. I can’t run or even walk……

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Chapter 15

“Ev-everyone… Munani, Landlady…”

I snapped out of my thoughts when I heard Ramis’s voice, which sounded like she was about to cry. What am I doing feeling sad. Ramis has been together with them for a lot longer time than I have. I should be helping this person who called me friend.

-“ Le-Ts-Go…come by again”

“Eh, Hakkon?”

“Thank…Move…insert the coin”

[TL note: The Mc connected his words and made a sound meaning, but I couln’t do it in English so I changed the wording a little bit.]

I’ve been thinking, how can I communicate my thoughts? Though I can only say a limited amount of phrases, I thought that maybe if I combined them I might be able to have a conversation. I can say “Welcome.” ”Too bad.” “Thank you very much.” “Thank you.” “Please come again.” “If you win, you get another one for free.” “Unlucky.” “You won!” “Please pay the balance by inserting coins.”, only these.

Even though I can’t say any word I want, I figured I could overlap them in order to form the words that I want. I set up many sentences and practiced them in my free time. Now I am able to remove unwanted words by interrupting them with another sentence, as well as change the speed and which I speak.

At first I used [TL: note the mc is creating sentences by overlapping each other like Welcome’s we with thank you…. And he is connecting the sentences using Japanese words and it doesn’t fit the english translation, so I couldn’t come up with the way to translate it]

“True. If we don’t move then nothing is going to change! Let’s go Hakkon!”

“Let’s go-please insert the money”

[Japanese Romaji: Irashaimase= Welcome, Koukawotouniyuushitekudasai=

Please insert the money, and he connected by I for irashaimase and Kou for koukotounyuushitekudasai, so it reads IKou meaning let's go.]

I suppressed my joy at the fact that I was able to communicate. If in the future, I become able to start my phrases from the middle then I should be able to speak an even larger amount of sentences. I should practice more. When we entered the settlement, I saw that most of the tents and buildings were completely destroyed. The settlement was clearly attacked by something. When I looked down at the floor I saw a huge gutter spread everywhere. [ED: idk]

This-it looks as if a huge rope was tied… When I looked carefully at the other buildings, it looked like something crushed the buildings from the outside by pure force. Meaning, this must have been done by…

"Inn, what happened to the inn?!"

Ramis was running so fast that you wouldn't think she was carrying a vending machine. I understood her feelings, but the culprit might still be in the area. I couldn't think of a way to warn her. I should remember to prepare something I can say during a situation like this. I couldn't warn her, so I need to observe the surroundings for any trouble.

90 percent of the tents were destroyed. I feel like I didn't see anyone on the way to the inn. What could this mean? I hope it means that everyone evacuated.

"I-I found it! No, no way… This is horrible! Landlady! Munani!"

The scene that Ramis, who was shouting with a really miserable tone, was a half-destroyed inn. It was a shadow of the 2-story building that was here previously. The roof was blown over, and there was a large hole stretching from the first floor to the second.

The door was also shattered into pieces. The other parts are also so damaged that it's a miracle they hadn't fallen over yet. It looked as if any impact could crush the entire building. If this continued, then Ramis might jump into the inn. I should try and calm her. Even though we're in a situation like this, I need to stay calm and think of something to say.

"Please answer me, please!"

Is she actually dashing in? Eeei, I should do something! I said the first thing

that came to mind.

“Sorr y Bra in”

[ED: Again, I don’t know what this is supposed to mean. Considering Ramis’s reaction and the face that he said brain(?) maybe it means numbskull or something?]

“That’s mean, Hakkon!”

Ah, she’s mad. But, thanks to that she was able to calm down. She breathed in and out repeatedly.

“Sorry, Hakkon. The building might break if I touched it, right? And since there was no response it means… Maybe they evacuated to somewhere!”

–“Welcome.” [Yes]

Yes and No. For conversations like these, I can just use the usual phrases. It’s a good thing that Ramis returned to her usual self. I skimmed my eyes over the building and saw no signs of blood. I may have a desire for that, but there is a high chance they are safe.

[ED: I think he means that he wanted to find some sort of sign of them.]

“Eeto, in a situation like this, the evacuation place is… ah, the Hunter’s Guild! Yeah, it was the Hunter’s Guild! At any rate, since the Hunter’s jobs are really dangerous, they must have a sturdy building. And the guild master is Bear so the interior should be strong or else it wouldn’t last long…

“Then, let’s go!”

“Let’s go-please insert the coin”

Aah, it feels weird speaking like this. Oh well, I should be happy with this for now. The inn is near that gate that I’ve never been to, but the buildings around here look really tough. More than half of them look like they were made for defence… before. Right now, it is a desolate place littered with destroyed buildings.

“If I make it beyond this destroyed place then there must be survivors, right?!”

“Welcome.” [Yes]

While I answered her, I saw the tracks of a huge snake. I associate Frog-men with snakes, since the sworn enemy of a frog is a snake.

“We’re nearing the Hunter’s Guild!”

When we got past the half-destroyed buildings, there was a fortress. Eh, what? An invincible fortress? It was made out of some unknown shining black material with a lustre to it. It looked really rough, and it had two floors. On the second floor there was a terrace, and on it, a varista was lined up. [ED: I’m assuming barista but it might be a new word the author came up with so I’m going to leave it.]

Each and every window is blocked, preventing anyone from entering or exiting. The door looks like it is made of metal, and just looking at it gives off the feeling of weight. The building is about as big as a school, so they could shelter at least 100 people.

You see, I can analyze this calmly because of the scene before me. In front of what I’m assuming to be the Hunter’s Guild, is the corpse of a huge, fat, and long snake with brown scales and two heads. In it’s mouth, there was a set of vicious looking fangs and in it’s nose were narrow and long holes.

Around the dead body are the Hunters who came back from the subjugation, the Hunters who stayed behind, and two gate guards.

I see, Karios and Golsu were safe. Haaaaa, my energy is leaving me… not, my battery won’t ever die right. What’s still left to confirm is the safety of the citizens.

“Karios-san, Golsu-san! You two were safe!”

Ramis nears the huge snake and Karios.

“Ooh, it’s Ramis and Hakkon. It’s good that you guys weren’t hurt”

“Truly”

“Unn, I am fine”

–“Thank you.”

They worried not only about Ramis, but a vending machine like me. It’s hard to express my happiness right now, so in the near future I will stock some of their

favorite products.

“A, you know, that, etto, two people….”

Ramis is asking while holding her hands in prayer…. The guards smiled back.

“Ou, don’t worry. The citizens are all safe. They’re in the church”

“I seee, that’s great news!”

Ramis fell down with now power left. Fuu, I feel like my battery is about to die. But really, I didn’t think there was such a majestic building in the settlement. It really is unexpected.

“Now that I think about it, Ramis has only been here for a short while and didn’t know this. People here evacuate as soon as as they hear the Magic Alarm. We also run the moment we think we can’t deal with the enemy.

“‘Cause there is a teleportation circle here.”

I see. With this much destruction, I thought it was impossible for everyone to survive, but there was a system like this in place. I guess it was to be expected for a settlement built in the dungeon. It seems like I underestimated this place.